

Well, at that time, from 1920--I worked here as a Agent. And . . . went out in the country, and I had cattle. I had white-face cattle. And I wanted to raise a good herd so I moved out and I started farming. And I farmed about seventy acres altogether. I rasied oats, kaffir corn for chickens--oats for horses --feed. And maybe corn--fifteen or twenty acres. And then I raised cotton, cane, for stock feed, you know--stacked. Of course I had three or four teams, horse-drawn machinery. But it was voted by this district that they would have Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas camps there at our home place--down there along the creek in the river bottom. Plenty of wood and a running creek. So because of that fact and I thought, "Well, I'll help out the best way that I can," so I announced that I would put out six acres of cotton--plant it and vultivate it--if people would come out and chop it. I'd cultivate it all through the season until it matured and then the people would come out and pick it before Thanksgiving. We got through before Thanksgiving. In the meantime they could go around the camp if a camp moved in there to get the cencensus of people of their kid's ages.--or census of people--their kids' ages--men, women, kids--boys and girls--single persons old persons preferably, and get the size of their clothes for their Christmas presents. And they'd have another committee that would buy the food for their Christmas dinner and New Year's or Easter or Thanksgiving dinner. So they organized their own committees. . And they had a club of women that done all the necessary other things like wewing, and getting clothes for the kids for their Christmas presents, and bundle them up. And the dinners--scatter out food for the whole camp to cook. We'd always have means to always provide plenty of lamp--lamp light, you know. They had no electric wire then. Must so everybody had all the time--deep their night lights, you know. And they had boys to haul wood for all the cooking--one big pile. And some of those that had cars to come in and get what we had to get in addition to what we already had--say, like other things that we needed. So all those things worked out pretty good. (The people that used to come down there and camp--were they related to you?)