

It's not all the same.

(What would be the best you could do?)

Now, I have forty acres over here. The man that's been leasing that give me a hundred and twenty dollars a year, just all in bermuda grass. This year they sent out appraiser to look at it and they said three hundred and twenty five dollars a year on that. It went up two hundred and five dollars in a year. But this man that had this lease before he went on ahead and took it for five years.

(Are there any Indian groups in Oklahoma that own land as a tribe?)

Well, anybody that inherited do?)

In other words there is no kind of land that all the people of a tribe own?)

Now you come down to the oil business, like the Osages. The Osages, they got this what they call blanket lease. They make a blanket lease way back in early days regardless of if you got any land or not. Just so you in tribe. Enrolled in tribe. You get same amount as man who had thousand acres and you didn't have nay. That's the way Osages go.

(As a whole people they own land.)

Yeah.

(How did it work when land was allotted back in 1901 and 1906 whenever it was?)

About 1901 or 1902 when Sawnees was allotted.

(Did they just give you a certain piece of land or did you get to go out and choose the land you wanted?)

No, they just makk off certain part. Stick his name down there and that's it.

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