

leases and I don't know what it is. It must be pretty well now because the government has really got onto the farmers.

#### WHY STELLA'S BROTHER HAD TO QUIT FARMING: LOAN PAYMENT

(Bonnie: Did your parents ever farm or work the land or do any kind of work?)

No. My Dad never did. But my brother--my mother owns her hundred and sixty acres over here and my brother when he came home from Germany, she leased it to him. She leased it to him and he farmed. He had cotton and wheat and all that. But the government, that made him the loan, was after him too much. They wanted him to pay the loan back in such a short time that he kind of fell behind in his work I guess, and he just gave it up.

(When was that? Right after World War II?)

Yeah.

(Which brother was that?)

John. That's the only brother I have. He farmed, I think, for about five or six years. He had all kinds of things. He had cattle and everything....

(Bonnie: And he couldn't pay back the loan and they were getting after him?)

Well, he couldn't pay the amount that they wanted. They gave him, I think, just not too long for the loan he got. So he just had to give it up.

(Bonnie: Where is he working now?)

Well, he's working in Civil Service now. And mother had to let her land go for about five years to pay back the loan. She leased it out and instead of her receiving the money from the lease, well, the man that leased the land just sent it all in to the Indian office and it paid the loan off. And after it paid the loan off, she start receiving her money.

#### AGENCY LOANS:

(Who held the loan? I mean, who did he have to pay back?)