

many a sack of corn up there to that spring and have it ground. A mill up there.

(They had a mill right there.)

(Yeah, had a mill right there. What he said.

(Well)

Barren Fork and Illinois River, where the water used to run, and when the bottoms were bare. It just grew up with little old sycamores and willows. You can't get through to Little Creek now.

(Uh-huh)

Growth is so thick you have to take a knife and cut a trail through before you can get through. It's a sight way this country has growed up. Barren Fork right back south of Barren Fork, and old man Doctor Blagg and Whittingtons used to live there.

(Uh-huh)

Doc Blagg raised the Whittingtons. There used to be old log cabins down there. And uh--the government owns the biggest part of that land now.

(Uh-huh)

There's a man right on top of the mountain. He sold out. Sold to that barber. The first house on the right there on the west side of the road as you go along. His name's Thompson. And he's got all that land up in that flat bought up. And he's got all that lease--all that bottom leased from the government. He runs a lot of cattle in there.

(Uh-huh. And all these farmers in this area in the early day had cattle too.)

Yes sir. They all had a few cattle. Lot of people would run the cattle out of Arkansas down in here.

(Uh-huh)

And uh--get them on the range. They'd get somebody to look after them.

(Yeah)