

(Did you all have a cellar when you lived down there in the bottom?)

Yeah, we had a dirt cellar.

(Did she keep any of this--her corn, or anything, down there?)

No. She started learning how to--I think the lease man's wife there, that used to live there, showed her how to can things, you know. She learned and picked it up from a white woman. Sometimes we'd go down to the river you know. Wild grapes. She make jelly out of them. Peaches--she canned peaches and things like that.

(Where did she get her peaches that she canned?)

We had peach trees, but they wasn't no good. Small--worms get them. They buy them.

(You all had a lot a plums down there if I remember--)

Yeah, she did some of that, too. She gather them up and wash them and boil them and she puts them up.

LEASING THE BOTTOM EIGHTY

(Back in those days did they lease out any of their land?)

Yeah. That place down there I was talking about, it was leased. When those people moved, my dad took over.

(What, that place down there in the bottom?)

Yeah. It was leased, till the leaser depart and he went ahead and started farming.

(Did he ever farm before that?)

No. He let the white man do all the farming, till his lease expire, and he move. That's when dad took over. He started farming it.

(Now when was the house built that was there?)

Oh, I don't know--way back.

(Well, that white man that was leasing it--did he live in that house?)