

course he paid them, but he kept them there just as a group. And they'd a good time every day. Night time--visit, you know. And he took care of their horses--our hay stack--their horses. And wood. And then about Thanksgiving he'd haul maybe two or three loads of cotton in for our own use and for community purposes. Our father was very liberal. He was a tribal chief, you know, and that was his obligation, of course, to look after the people.

(Now this cotton, was he raising it on his east eighty?)

Yeah. On his east eighty. And same way, he'd reserve some more--some cotton--till about Christmas time, and he'd do the same thing. Have a big celebration.

(Was this the same place where they used to come and camp around Thanksgiving and Christmas, where had had people come?)

Yeah.

(Back to this lease arrangement, who decided how much you would get for your lease? Could you and the man who wanted to lease it work it out the way you wanted to, or did the Agency have to approve it?)

He made application to lease a certain tract of my land or my father's or my mother's at Concho. So much to be in pasture and so much to be farm land. So the government would appraise the value of that farming land and that pasture. Pasture was always fifty cents an acre--native grass, you know. But the farming land was bottom--first bottom or second, or ridge land. They (each) had their appraised value.

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(There was first bottom and second bottom? What is first bottom land?)

It's next to the river--even--and second bottom was a little up--higher land. Land like up here is ridge land--third.

(Is ridge land also farmed?)