

pasture.

USE OF GRASS LANDS

(Well, that land you're talking about right there--would that be good for farming?)

Good for farming, yeah. They got good farms.

(Or pastures--either way?)

Yeah. And you know they've propagated a lot of this native bluestem on these ridgeland. They had a conservation officer that all they did was go out and plow up a piece of land that was otherwise run down--upland, farmland--and three or four of these conservation boys got up there and have sacks of this buffalo grass and bluestem and plant it. Just like hand--broadcasting it. Now it's all good grassland. They're practicing that now.

(Did they ever cultivate that land where they've re-propagated that bluestem?)

No. They left it for grass. It was always left for grass since. They found out they made a mistake and it should have been left in native grass. And that's how they repropagate that.

(Had it been farmed at one time?)

It had been farmed, yeah. Farmed out. Now they made a mistake they said, and it should have been left in grass. Now they got it all back in grass.

(Do you remember about what date it was farmed?)

Oh, clear up to--about since 1938. That's when they started to re-propagate this native buffalo grass and bluestem.

JESS'S FAMILY'S ALLOTMENTS: HOW USED AND DISPOSITION OF

(Going back to this fellow that leased your eighty and your father's eighty--where did he live--did he own place--?)

His own place was a mile west of us. Not quite a mile west. Just half a