

mile west on up. White man. An old neighbor that settled there when they made the run to the Cheyenne-Arapaho country 1892. He established his claim there. He filed for that claim.

(So your father's land would be here and your land would be here and there was a mile--somebody's else's land--and then his land--?)

Yeah--the Lookabaugh land right here, and then this man lived from there.

(Was Lookabaugh a white man?)

Yeah. He was a relation of this Jim Lookabaugh. I know all these Lookabaughs--they're good friends of ours.

(What was this man's name that leased your land?)

Joe Geisland.

(Was he pretty good--?)

Nice, honest man. Oh, he was friendly. Every time he butchered his hogs in the winter time--of course we'd have ours butchered, but he'd always have a certain time that he'd come and get us and give us all that extra meat like livers and hog heads and some of that lard meat, you know, that he didn't use. He give us that every year. And he gave my father twenty dollars every Christmas. And another man give my mother every Christmas--this Lookabaugh that had this shorthorn cattle ranch out here north of me. He'd personally come over a certain day before Christmas. "Where's mama?" He used to call my mother (that). Because they lived in our house when he was a boy. And he always called my mother "mama." And he always gave her a twenty dollar bill at Christmas.

(Did he lease her land?)

Yeah, he leased it. Well, they lived in our house and they leased part of our land for a while and then they succeeded in establishing--filing--that claim on what is known as the Lookabaugh Ranch that time. It got to be valuable land. And he started a shorthorn herd worth about a hundred thousand dollars then,