

SCHOOLING OF JESS AND HIS BROTHER AWAY FROM HOME: HASKELL AND CARLISLE

(The reason you farmed your brother's land was because he was off at school?)

He was off at school in New Jersey. And, oh, he always send us clothes. He sent my little sweaters and overshoes and goods (piece goods, probably) and gloves, and (unintelligible phrase) and underclothes, winter clothes, dress clothes, sports suits and shoes and all that, you. Because he was making money up there and going to school at the same time. And he wrote the Agency that there was a farm out there and for us to move onto his eighty because it's close to the highway and the church, and he wanted his place improved anyhow. So they moved us there. Made a storm cave and made sheds for horses:

(Where had you been living before that?)

We had a home northeast of there on my mother's (place). Just part timber and part wide open land. My mother's land.

(How did he happen to go to school in New Jersey?)

Well, you know, as I said, Arnold Woolworth took our place to be an example--of course our father was a chief and he was to be an example to the other Indians for education. (As chief, Jess's father was to send one of his children to school but he sent Arnold Woolworth, a nephew, instead of one of his own children--who may not have been old enough at that time.--jjj) So when my brother grew up, he told him, "Now I'm going to take my own place. I'm going to go off to school, instead of you sending somebody else. You sent somebody else in my place--you sent Arnold Woolworth instead of us, so this time I'm going to go myself. I'm going to go to Carlisle, where Arnold Woolworth went." And when I grew up I told my dad that I wasn't going to go to Carlisle. I didn't care for it. They were a military school, you know, at Carlisle--had white uniforms. I told him, "I don't take to these uniforms, so I'm going to go to Haskell, where some of these pretty well educated Indians came from." That's in Lawrence, Kansas. That's where the best educated Indians comes