

was six or seven room house. It was a beautiful place to live and it was beautiful surroundings. But, somehow, the Osages, they didn't think very much of buying that place. They wasn't interested in it, so they didn't do anything about it.

(This--this all happened in around--what year do you remember it--I'd say, just a rough guess, wouldn't this be around 1926 or '28, roughly speaking, somewhere around in there?)

I imagine.

THIS PARK WAS LARGE - COULD GRAZE 2000 HEAD OF CATTLE

(And could you kinda estimate just how big this park was? It must have been enormous ranch to hold a cattle operation as it was. I think it held, I'd say--wasn't it around two thousand head of cattle?)

Well, I imagine it was, but, you know, I didn't hear anyone say.

(Yeah, I was just looking at the old photographs of the place and it looks like it was one of the more "up-to-do" ranches 'bout that time. Do you recall who owned it beside Mr. Lees? Was he just handling the transaction or--?)

Yes, he was just handlin' it, transacting business with the other party. But I just wouldn't know who it was.

(Uh-huh. This--this ranch and that time--the main purpose was trying to get a an investment for the Osages with their money and to get a vacation spot for them.)

Yes.

(And this--this ranch as you might call it back in those days, it--did it have a--did you see any--what kind--you might say--might be a "dude" ranch? I mean, or something like that, you know. You were there--I don't remember being there.)

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Well, they call it park.