

serious mistakes, we've made a lot of mistakes in Conservation, you know, and plowed up the hills, This field was plowed and it takes years and years to get it back into grass, in fact it never is the same as it was, well that's the way it goes. The balance between the old buffalo and the grass was just right and it took care of itself. There's the house where the fellow had the telescope, now this house is the oldest house around here. This old barn was built before the Civil War and is really an old timer, there is no nails in it. It was put together, you know, with pegs. There was quite an old barn there where the rocks are. - well, I read an article in the Journal World that in the old country the people are proud of the old buildings and over here we think of urban renewal, you know, and are tearing down right and left. The biggest mistake we made here is when they tore down that Governor Robinson Place. I wish I had bought that thing I would have gone in debt for that thing, my that was a right. It had a dungeon in the basement, a jail down there, for unruly slaves. That would have been a really something. Just a hole in the basement, would put them in there with big steel doors and a fireplace in every room, it was three stories high and enormous big. It was really a sight. It was east of LeCompton way upon the hill. It was called the Woodring place and do you know they tore it down. It slowly deteriorated. From there you could see the river. They say that steamboats would dock down there and the lumber - window frames were brought from St. Louis on a steamer and let out there at the bottom of the hill and they hauled them up the hill. Boy it was really something. Somebody must have some pictures of that house. It was a sight to go thru it, but the owner let it deteriorate. They heated it with fireplaces and had slaves and of course cut the wood ^{and brought it in} and it was quite a job to heat a big place like that. Dr Kennedy, the old old doctor, he is the head of the historical society, he was a ^{Council} ~~Council~~ at K.V and at Haskell. I was plowing over here not long ago, over its been 10 years ago, I plowed up a coupon bill, so it is there (historical society) but we've got no place to display it and then I plowed up a dozen grape stems