

Owner Of Mystery Farm Number 99 At Spring Cottage Floated Logs Down Pearl River After Buying Farm In 1915

Mystery Farm Number 99, located at Spring Cottage, belongs to Cassie Tullos. The first identifications were sent in by J. W. Rowley and Mrs. Aubrey Goleman.

Mr. Tullos and his brother-in-law, A. Adcox, bought a tract of land that included Mystery Farm Number 99 in 1915. At that time they were logging in Louisiana but decided they wanted to farm.

The Tulloses moved to their farm in 1916, and Mr. Adcox moved, too, living near by.

There are 138 acres of land in the Tullos farm, with about four acres in row crops. The row crops are corn and vegetables for home use.

Row crops were grown at first on the farm, but a few head of cattle were bought and gradually replaced the row crops.

Mr. Tullos says the boys are growing the cattle, and he is taking life easy. There are ninety head of cattle on the eighty acres of improved pastures, about half of them being registered.

An excellent artesian well flows near the Tullos house. It supplies

water for the house and barn and for the pastures, fenced so that water goes to all of them. Pearl River also runs along the place and furnished water, too.

Mr. Tullos says he has had the artesian well for years and that it has been the best investment he has ever made. In fact, he says, he doubts that he wouldn't trade it for an oil well if he knew he couldn't get another good flow of water.

There are about seventy acres of timber on the farm that are protected from fire. Being an old logger, Mr. Tullos knows the value of timber.

He says he and Mr. Adcox sold quite a bit of timber off the farm when they bought it. Much of this timber was tied into rafts in Pearl River and floated down stream to Logtown.

He says they didn't know how to navigate the river, so they hired several colored men who had made many trips down the river. "Running logs" Dave Galloway, who lives near Rose Hill, is one of the few old log runners still living who ran logs for Mr. Tullos.

Mr. Adcox and Mr. Tullos would let the logs get a start on them and they would travel overland to Logtown and meet the logs and crew.

Mr. and Mrs. Tullos, the former Miss Cornelia "Neely" Ainsworth, were married in May of 1910. They have five sons, one of whom, Worth, has been written up during this Mystery Farm series.

Worth married Miss Sadie Bass. Their children are Olouse, Gayle, Cassie, Ronald Mac, Jane, John Lee, Connie and Sarah. Olouse, Gayle, Cassie and Ronald Mac are active in 4-H Club work at Hub school.

Toxie married Miss Elizabeth McNeil. They and their daughter, Josie Neal, live at Philadelphia in Neshoba county where he is in charge of the Farm Security Administration office.

Rossie married Miss Clara Maude Pitts. They and their children, Sylvia and Larry, live in the New Hope community where they operate their own dairy farm.

Lavern and Wylie Cassel live at home. Lavern is finishing his G. I.

on-farm training. They look after the farming operations and, with Worth, take turns at operating the grist mill in Columbia that Mr. Tullos bought a number of years ago, in 1933.

Mr. and Mrs. Tullos say they left the farm a while. For about the last nine years before Governor White finished logging at one of his camps they ran a boarding house.

About the time Reliance opened in Columbia, they moved to town and opened a boarding house in the old Columbia Hotel. After a few months they decided to go back to the farm.

Mr. Tullos says he used to fish a lot, but doesn't do too much of it now. Mrs. Tullos likes her chickens and enjoys cooking, according to grandson Larry, who was present during the interview. Mrs. Tullos is very interested and quite active in the work of the Spring Cottage Home Demonstration Club.

The Tulloses are members of and active in the Spring Cottage Baptist church.

