

Kuwanwisiwma, Leigh J.

2004 Interview of Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma by T. J. Ferguson and Peter Whiteley.

Notes by T. J. Ferguson, May 28, 2004.

This interview was conducted at Leigh's office in Kykotsmovi, followed by a visit to one of fields. Peter Whiteley's notes contain additional information.

In examining historical photographs of windbreaks, Leigh Kuwanwisiwma explained that he thinks some of the agricultural berms near Little Giant's Chair probably started as windbreaks. Sand would catch in them, and they would become transformed into berms that helped spread water.

The last major crop I had was in 1998. Then its just slowly gone down and in the last three years I've got nothing.

Before we left for the farm field, Leigh showed us twelve different types of corn seed that he had assembled in his office.

UTM for Leigh's field in the Kwaakuku area: 534128, 3974080.

Leigh called this a dry farming field but he pointed out the low berms he built to divert water from a drainage channel into the field. This field was planted in red corn but Leigh was waiting to plant beans.