

MYRTLE'S MONEY FROM LAND SALE USED TO BUY HOUSEKEEPING EQUIPMENT

(Where did you get your money?)

I guess they sold my mother's land while I was going to school. I had a half-sister. I guess she sold it, and so half of it come to me and I had money. You know at that time the land wasn't very high. I had fourteen hundred dollars in the office. Then when I got married, that's when I used it. I got me a tent and stove and table and bedding. Everything that I could think of. And I had one kid already. I didn't bother my money, you know, for awhile, until we had Rosie. And me and him want to come up here. And we told her we was going to get a bigger tent and table and stoves, but just what we had-- the tent we had, this mean aunt of mine gave it to us. Put it up when she marry me off to this man. That tent and bed. Well, then I got eight hundred and we went and bought what we need, like dishes and buckets and everything. And we lived in a tent. We had this big tent at the back and then this smaller tent in front for my kitchen. That's how we had it fixed. And then about-- I think Rosie was about seven years old when we went to his folks and lived with them. And they wasn't like my aunt. They sure were good. They were good to my kids and good to us. And when that old man gets money he used to see that all of us got something out of it.

(This big tent you had--was that the one your aunt had given you when you married?)

No, the little one. But we bought a big tent.

(This little tent you used for your kitchen?)

Yeah, I used it for my kitchen. It was eight by twelve. But this tent we had was fourteen by sixteen. That was my bedroom.

(Did tents like that cost very much then?)

They used to not--they used to cost about forty dollars at that time. But now you can't get a small tent for less than a hundred and twenty-five or a hundred