

Birdie: I'll ask Jack because he remembers better than I do--(gets up and goes out of the room.)

Irene: This house belonged to the old man--Old Man Blackbear (Joe Blackbear's father.) His real name was Old Man White Bear and these farmers start calling him Blackbear, that's where he got that name. I think his name was White Bear. That house where Muggs is living right now was built in 1924. They moved it over here. They made a five year lease and the lease man move our house and then they put in that electric for us. And for a long time we never did have a front porch and it stayed that way till I got extra money and then I had those poles and then I used about 10 dollars worth of concrete. They filled it up with dirt. And then he build concrete like that and he put a--we fix it on our own. We couldn't get no loan.

Jordan: Your porch is real nice--

Irene: It's kinda weak when it blows, you know. When the house was moved, that's the way they-- And Muggs says when the south wind's blowing it just keeps going this way. Seems like you could hear it squeaking. It always has been that way since they moved it. I always think the lease man didn't brace it too much when they move it. Because when we had it remodelled, he took it-- he said, "You know, you just had about three boards up there holding your roof up," he said. It's got a double roof on it. And then if we just remodel the house and not build one, well, we'll just have to tear the whole roof off and then put another one on. Fix the old. Because the wood shingles are beginning to warp. He said, "Mama, they're beginning to fly off. What we gonna do?" I said, "Well, I don't know. We can't get a loan," I told him.

Jordan: Did he know when it was built? (to Birdie)

Birdie: No. It was build when--I think I've got it somewhere.

Irene: (speaking of Birdie's house) It's a real old house. It's been remodelled. It's built long time. Because the old man and the old lady used to