

we went up for wood one time, and that colored man he was plowing. It looked cloudy, just like it was trying to rain. And he had told this man to go out there and plow, so that when a good rain comes, it would wash the dirt away and make a ditch. So you did not make a ditch. You just plowed around there. That's all. And there's two strands of wire, yet. Five years ago, now, and thirty days. First name was Cedric, I said Cedric, I want my 180 dollars, right here on the contract. I want it back. I said if you can get along with two strands of wire, and with that ditch, if you can get along without it, just let it be. So, oh, he says, I don't know. Mr. Gibson says, well, we'll talk it over while you step over there. Finally, Cedric went back, got to talking. Finally, Stevens write out the check. I always get my money direct, we don't have to go through the office. I don't have no patent, but they call that leasing through privilege. I have to make my lease at the office so the record can go through, but I do my own collecting. Called leasing in privilege. Patent is different, term they use. I don't have nothing to do with that. If I ever have any trouble, they don't back me up.

(How do you get one of these leasing in privilege things?)

Well, its according to the record that you have, the life you lived, they put it according to that. You see, my husband was a minister.

(Do you have to apply?)

Yea, we go in. We make our application and the contract and everything. Always on there, direct pay...that means they pay me, anytime when it's due. But there are some...now I had a cousin, he was that way, and, he wasn't very...you know, right. And, they always kept his money. And when he dies, oh, the money he had.

Anyway, finally they called me. My renter was just laughing away. He says, Mrs. Provost, you sure got me. So I answered him, I said Cedric, you almost got me. Shook hands. He said, Mr. Gibson, this is the best woman, she never bothers me. She come right out and tell me, if she wanted anything. In case of emergency, I'll help her. Then take it out of her money. That's how we agreed.