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(Laughter) I've heard lots funny things but he said "I'll be darned if he ain't got 'em every one named Peggy."

MORE ABOUT MARKING HOGS

(Well, you know I've heard of cattle brands all my life, but now that Spencer hog mark is the first time I've heard of marking hogs.)

Is that so?

(Yes.)

Well, you know, when we come here, there wasn't a hog in the woods no where but they had--ever man had his own mark, you know. And that's the only way they knowed 'em. If one had the mark in the ears in that bunch, why nobody had any right to him till they see you about it. And they was dar'nsn't to let 'em out, you know, and not to have any mark on 'em, and that saved the hogs. Ours was an over slope and under bit in each ear--slope at the top of the ear and under bit in each ear. And they all had to have different mark. And to cut both ears off--that was a thief's mark. Didn't none of 'em do that. They called that a thief's mark and nobody couldn't change it, you know. Sometimes they change it if they get a chance, you know. They'd cut part of it out you know and--

(Make it look like theirs?)

Yeah. They changed it that way. It was sorta funny--Dave McKee, one time-- Mr. Herman had hogs in the woods back there. Smallwoods and Dave had lots of hogs and they said didn't know what made 'em do it--but Dave told 'im he had some sows and pigs back in there and had his dogs and he caught one of them pigs and marked it. And he met Mr. Herman directly after that in the woods, you know. Said, "I marked one of your pigs for you over yonder while ago." He said, "That's all right." He had marked in his own mark. He just let it run with the sow plum on till they got ready to kill and he sent Dave word to come get his hog. It was his mark. He had never said a