

Let them keep it. Guy (Quoetone) sold all his land. My aunt Nellie has sold all her land and they have no income, whatsoever. And they're living pitiful.

(Is that Guy and Nellie?)

Yeah, no kind of property!

(Bonnie: Can't he work?)

No. He's 81 years old! And he's a smart man, but he didn't ever work to receive Social Security. He'll probably get Old Age, but you can't hardly make it on that. And they burn wood. And he was supposed to be a smart man and I think, to me, that he should of kept his land, but he got his patent out on it and sold it, and it's gone today, and they have nothing. They're without. Where mother--mother just told me the other day--I said, "Mother, it's half the land." She's worth about sixty one thousand with that Frederick land. She can sell it --and she can build her a brick home and have running water, bathroom.....

STELLA'S MOTHER'S LAND AND INCOME FROM IT:

(Bonnie: She's worth about how much?)

She's worth about sixty-one thousand just with that Frederick land. And she owns property here. She can sell that, if she wanted to, or if the Office would let her, and build her a new brick home and be living in comfort for the rest of her years. But do you know what she said? She said, "Stella, I could do that, but I don't want to because whenever I leave this world, I want you and your children to have a good home." And she went up there and talked to the office and she told them her house needed repairing and Mrs. Lacer, she's the head of the land department, she told mother, she said, "Jinny, we can let you sell it," but she said, "I know that if you sell it your money will be gone in a few years and I'd rather for you to keep it, the property, because it's worth a lot of money and every year you'll be bringing in lease money and you can look forward to that. So I think that's a wise move. Even though I hate to see mama and them....."