

GROUP CAMPING IN EARLY ALLOTMENT PERIOD

At the time we were still in groups. They camp out here and there together. And although they had these allotments, they still stay with a group, you know. And a lot of them sold their land and they just wandered around like gypsies. They just like to wander. But those that later learned that they had to be out, well, they took possession of their land wherever it was and made homes. And today some of those homes are abandoned, you might say. They have moved to town or where they could find work. (Yeah. You told me before, but when was your house built?) Nineteen-nine (1909).

(Now, was that built for your grandfather?)

Yeah. It was on my grandma's place. They got their lands right by each others, you know. Right across the road's was the old man's, and where we live belonged to the old lady.

(What was her name?)

The office got it awfully mixed up but her name was *bédaléci*. But they got that name on my mother's. My mother's got her name and she's got my mother's name.

(And what happened to your grandfather's land that was across the road?)

Well, he gave it to--he sold eighty. And the other eighty, he left it to my sister, Lily, and myself. And Lily sold hers, and then I gave mine to my children. Birdie and Paul. And then I think they sold theirs now.

(Do they have to go through the Bureau when they're going to sell that?)

Yeah. Always. Always.

(Do they usually let them do what they want to about it?)

Yeah. Yeah. Just a lot of time. Red tape as you call it. But it takes lot of time. They let you sell it, but now it's the same thing, but now they got policies and rules and regulations. If you're a client or a welfare client, you'll have to do what they tell you--do what they say. And they tell you how to spent your money. Especially those under the welfare. All those welfare peoples. But the rest can sell. The heirs, sometime they