

said, ain't got no land, he said he can't get it. That's what he told me. If'n he is my brother--my full brother. Had the same daddy, but said he didn't have no roll number said he couldn't claim it.

(Why didn't they give him a roll number?)

Can't do it. If you was born too late.

(Oh, they--after the rolls closed?)

Yeah. It was closed--

Maggie: I'm late, too, like that.

Well, you was born way back 'll ain't it. That was closed in 1905 and '06.

(So, in other words, he can't even prove he's Cherokee.)

No. That's what's the matter with Ross Farmer, you know. He can't sell that land that the old lady--his mother left. That's what.....

(Because he doesn't have a roll number?)

He don't have a roll number and don't have a right name.

(Oh, that's too bad.)

Well, it's sure that away 'cause I find out up there at the Indian department. I wasn't asking either I just standing there. I don't know what I went up there for, something though. Some thing about land, but that wasn't the land I was after, see--then she jumped up and said, "You got some more land". Better do something about that. Well, I begin questioning her then, she said, "Bartlesville." Come to my mind, that was my daddy's name. Well, I said--how many heirs? She said, "Three." One--I said, my mother's dead. Ain't but two of us. "Well," she said, "that other boy, he ain't got no roll number, has he?" I said, "No." Well, he ain't got nothing coming there. He said tax done eat that other part up. See, so long the tax will take it, you know.

(If you let it--if you don't pay it.)