

She say, white man moved me out. Daddy told them, I try to tell you and your uncle that, but you don't believe me. I could have got that same thing right here on this place, 'cept I didn't want it.

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(Did those white men take all of the furniture and the house too?)

Yea, everything. Ever since then, I'm scared of it. It might not be that way now, but it was then. Same way happened to Henry Tenadah. Well, they took his land away from him. About a mile south, about a mile from that spring southwest. They took his place away from him and my uncle's place, it's right where them mountains are...right straight west from there. That's where his place is. And ever since then I'm scared of patents. When they say patents, I don't want no part of it. Then when he got sick, when he first was a diabetic, he got pretty sick. They sure did try hard to put us on this welfare (N.B. Helen is here speaking of her husband, Ray (Henry)). They took me down there... they took me down to the basement, and that welfare lady talk to me and she said, I want you to get on the welfare, through the agency, cause I don't believe your husband be able to work anymore. And I said, why? She said, well, she said, that's the only way you get by until we pay you off by the month. I said you stop right there, I told that lady, you stop right there. I said, we're not getting on welfare. I said when my mother passed away, I said, you all put my father on welfare, through the agency, well he had his own 160, and we had my mother's land, I think it was sixty acres. And then he had his father's land and his mother's land. Well, they made him sold all that land. And you know.