

of my own, I said. So I rather just let it go. But he went back to work, about three months later.

(What happens when the office sells the land? Do they hold the money for you?)

Yea.. Whatever they think you need. You can't get any extra (Money) You gonna live on that, whatever they give you by the month. And my grandma, Bertha, she's married to that Oliver Tenadoah. She's on that very same.

(What happens if a man is selling land, and get's ten thousand dollars for the land and then only lives about six months? What happens to the rest of the money?)

It goes to the heirs. Cause, my mother was taken care of. Her daddy my grandfather, and he...they made him sold his land, like they try to get it in the office. Well, it wasn't long after that that my grandfather died. Well, all the heirs shared. But the others got quite a bit, because they was by themselves. So that's what happens, and I just don't trust the Indian Office, no way.

Like this gravel here. (N.B. The Blackbears have a contract with the county to dig gravel from the part of their land, surrounding their house, which is not leased for agricultural or pasturage purposes.) Now this been here, way before this boy ever go the lease on this place. And they just dug this this year, right here. And don't you know the office came over here and they surveyed it, and they said it took eight acres. (N.B. That is to say, eight acres encroachment onto the agricultural lease.) Does that look like eight acres out here, where this gravel is piled? Where it's been dug. Even here, the north side of the chicken