

money other ways to finish out paying tax till I got tired.

Sold it. (remaining comments not clear)

(Why is it taxed?)

Huh?

(Why was it taxed?)

Well. When they was filing for my land, why I should have been three-quarter Indian and one-quarter white. But they reversed that, they make me three-quarter white and one-quarter Indian. So, anybody had as much as half--half-breed have to pay tax. So, I had to pay for every foot of land I had. 'Cause it was enrolled that way.

(Was it by mistake?)

Yeah, by mistake, yeah.

(Did you ever try to get it back?)

Well, I try to. But they said after it's once put down on the roll, it can't be changed. So, I never could change that. Now even in this Indian hospital, they couldn't even take me in there. But I did make a change there by tracing my father's degree of blood. And I suppose my mother never was enrolled, but she had sister, two sisters. They was enrolled. They went by her sisters' degree of blood and that was full. And my father was half-breed, so by that way they fixed it. So, I had more Indian in me than white folk, white blood I mean. So, they give me my pass to go in the hospital. So, that I can go to the government hospital. But I never could change this other. I tried to, but they said after, once put down on the roll, it would have to stay that way forever. Wasn't no change made. Have to change one. Have to change all the rest. Everybody be full-blood. Wouldn't be no tax to pay then.

(words in Creek) I sold all but forty. I held it till tax just ate it up. Took it away from me. One they had the house on. One that had the building on it.

(Nowadays they're trying to--people like that happened to you like that. They're trying to get their lands back. But I don't know if yours can be done or not now.)

I might.

(third) His is all under water now.

(Is it?)