

Jordan: At his house?

Irene: At his house. And then I went back in there and wanted to borrow some loan so we could put in a bathroom so we could run water in there. Because my lease man put a bathroom in the back room. And they used it. And I was trying to explain it to Mr. Alford, but he just couldn't understand that we could dig a well there. And then I wanted about--he asked me about how much (of a) loan I wanted and I said, "Seven hundred dollars just to put a--the boy could do the work himself." But no. I guess maybe they don't trust the Indians, to do the work! And my boy, he's not a--he does work. But it's not real good, but he does pretty good work, I think. Because he fixes things, you know, himself. So they just--you know, when someone refuse you, you know you get-- your temper kinda flares up. But I didn't say anything to him. And I deposit four thousand dollars in there and I can't--they say, "Well, you just have to wait--" And I wanted to build a home. And they make me mad, so I just make up my mind that I can go ahead and deed my boy--I bought five acres out there (her place southwest of Boone). So I am gonna deed my boy maybe two and a half acres out there or three acres to build a home. If the VA will build him a home out there.

Jordan: Now, who did you buy that from?

Irene: My brother and sisters.

Jordan: Yeah. And that's that 80 acres out there--(Apache Ben's place, inherited by the five brothers and sisters).

Irene: Yeah. I bought five acres out of that. See, the old house out there, it's livable, but it needs a bathroom for the boy to live. See, we don't have to build anything on. We could save all that money. Just put a new bathroom in and build a larger--put the dining room and living room together (knock out a wall) to make it more room. But they didn't want to give us a loan. They said they were broke in the Agency. The Loan Department ran out