

live in here (Old Man Blackbear and his wife). They had a cistern out here.

Birdie: They still do.

Irene: And it had a crack in there. That's where all that water been seeping out. And then that's when they used to catch rain water. They used it for years. There was no wells around here.

Birdie: Grandpa (Joe Blackbear) had dug seven wells. In the Office the records showed he dug seven wells somewhere. I don't know where. But it's here. He probably dug it where there's water.

Irene: You know where our lease man lives now? I mean where we live? The lease man lives across the road. His well is about half a mile from his house. He dug two hundred and eighty feet. And he's gonna build a electric pump and run it clear to his house. That's where he get their water.

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Jordan: Birdie--and you too, Irene--do you prefer living here, rather than moving to town? Or do you have any feelings about living on the old homeplace or something like that?

Birdie: I don't know--I'd rather stay here. I'd rather stay here. We've talked about moving. We could move. We could move probably within two weeks and go to the city and work. But we know how it is. You make good money but you pay out a lot. You pay out a lot of money. We know. And here we're happier. We feel better here. We just love it here. We don't have nothing here but just being here and associating with our own people and we don't take vacations but--our vacations is going to pow-wows in the summer, going to swim, or something like that. We're happy. We like it here. That's the reason why Jack's trying to do this silver work here. He started last year. He's trying to do that. He likes it and we're living on it. That's all we're living on. We don't have no kind of other income. This place will bring two hundred when I start drawing--if I ever draw.