

and I got everything." You know just anything he tried to discourage me I just went ahead and I just mentioned it. Just went and I got my references for Jack. He helped build that parsonage down there. And he'd helped Ramser build. You know he used to work for Ramser and help build. And they just didn't believe the Indian could do anything. So I went over there and I got my references for Jack and I took them in there and I told Mr. Carney, "You want Indians to do something on their own," I said. "Give Indians a chance," I told him. About that time two men came with a stepladder and were fixing to do something with that ceiling. It was leaking. And I was sitting there. I just look at them. "Who built this place? White people did!" He said, "Yeah." I said, "Well, how come they're repairing it--it's brand new!" He start laughing at me, you know. I was looking at it and it was leaking. It was that new office building they just remodelled not even two years. And I told him that. And I said, "Now you give us a chance," I told him. I think we were just about to get that through when my Dad died. So we just couldn't do anything. We just let it go.

Henderson: How long has that been?

Birdie: It's just been last year. Daddy died in February (1969) and we went in about in January. Just before he died--maybe two weeks before he died--we went in to the Office.

Irene: I went in there I think in October or November before I started drawing my--I didn't start drawing my money till this last November 11. No--Yeah.

Jordan: What money was that?

Irene: The money I had saved. I saved four thousand to build me a home there, in town. I wanted the balance for a loan so I could build a house there. And the Agency let me buy that, so I could build my home there. And when I find out I couldn't build a home. They said it wasn't large enough. I didn't have no loan value on it. I'd have to have a hundred and fifty by eighty feet wide--and a hundred and fifty feet long. It could bring good loan value on it.