

MYRTLE'S INCOME AND INELIGIBILITY FOR WELFARE

(--what did they tell you?)

They told me they'd see about it and they never did. And then I went back when I was 71 and that's when I told her, "I'm way over age now. If you give it to me now, you got to give me back payment to 65," I told her. And she said, "Well, we'll see about it." That's all she used to say. "And we'll let you know," she said. But they never did.

(And when was the last time you tried to see about getting welfare?)

Let's see--when was it I went? It was in the spring of this year I went. They said this social security woman always be over there, so I went over there and I ask about my boy's--you know what I was telling you. They used to take money from their work. That's what I was asking about. She said "Go to Concho and find out about it there--if they have it on the record. Then we can do something about it." But I don't have a way to Concho.

(This is for getting your boy's social security?)

Yeah.

(Which boy would it be?)

Hannibal and Louis. Both of them. They both had social security numbers. And when the old man (her husband) died (1947), I didn't see their social security cards. I guess Rosie took all of them old papers and burn them up. And they were in there. I don't even know the numbers of them, but they ought to have a record at Watonga.

(Would it be under Howling Buffalo?)

Yeah. Instead of Lincoln. They had social security cards. I never would think about it, but one man here said, "You better see about your boys social security card. You'll get money on Hannibal and the girl will get money on her father, you know." Louis's daughter. That's what they told me. Then I went and see about it and she said to go down to Concho and see about it.