

BROTHER OF A GIRL HAS RIGHT TO GIVE HER AWAY FOR MARRIAGE WITHOUT CONSULTING HER PARENTS

Yeah. Some of them blood related. Just like my mother's way over there and I'm over here. It's just like that, like her mother's way over with my mother and she's way over here, too. And we, it's just like that. I guess we would be within that if we were single, you know. But when we get married, why see it's our man has to take care of us and take us away, you know, like that. 'Course you know your mother's living here and you got married to somebody else and she's way over some other place, why you feel like bringing her over here and live with her, why it's just like that. And then I'm one of them, too, my first man, I didn't marry myself. I didn't know who I was getting married to neither. Yeah, they give me away. This uh- see our old-timer ways, if a man, if a boy likes a girl, the boy's going to look for the brother of the girl, parents of the girl. If he sees them or either, really, they goes for the brothers. They see your points and now they see my brother. Say, "Hey," says, "Sure like your sister. I wish I could have her for my wife." There ain't nothing my parents can say. If he knows that boy, if he thinks he's going to give me a good treating and good loving, why he's going to say, "Okay. What's the gift?" He'll say, "I give you horse or either...", I give you horse or either I give you cow. And he give a horse, he, this is my first man he give a horse away for me. This is my brother give me away. His name is uh- uh- Donald Big Pal. Everybody knows him.

VOICE IN BACKGROUND: Donald give you away?

Yeah, Donald give me away. He's uh, this boy, he was way older than I am. I was, I was about sixteen years old. And so he was in his twenty-seven or thirties. And so there ain't nothing he can say. He just went up to my mother and my dad. They having a Christmas. He went up to my mother and my dad and they were camping around and he says, "Well," he says,