

And I'll tell you why. Now when I got to where I could remember was during washing, what dey call washing: Corn, you know, red corn, flour, sugar and coffee. You got dat once a year. Well, I don't know how long dat went on, but it went on pretty good while. And de first payment dat we had, dat I know of, \$60. Den from dat was adrawing money. Sometime, some year we get \$15; some year \$20; some year \$25, on and on and on.

(Did you ever draw more than \$60 a year, that you remember?)

I 'member often, way after statehood, I'll say, up de road dere. We had a \$200 payment once, and a \$300 payment, yes suh. I was a married man den.

(When you drew your land, do you remember drawing your 160-acre allotment?)

Oh yes, yes. I was a married man when I allot my land.

(What time, what year did that happen; do you remember?)

~~MMMMMM~~--I guess I was married maybe a year, maybe two. I married in 1899.

Dat'd be long about 1901 wouldn't it?)

(You were about 20, about 22--)

Twenty one, I was 21 years old when I married.

(Yes sir, 1899.)

Yes suh, yes suh, that's when I married.

(How long have you been--you've been married 68 years?)

Oh yes suh, yes suh boy.

(And this lady here had been with you for 68 years?)

heh, heh, heh.

(That's wonderful.)

Yes suh, wasn't married but one time. And 'nother thing I wanta tell you: I have never paid 10 cents fine in my life, my whole life. Never was arrested by nobody.

(I tell you, your mother taking you to see those lighthorsemen whip those people made a believer outta you.)

Heh, heh, heh, it sho did take, yes suh. I've had lotsa, ah, well suh, Mr.

Patterson and several lawyers wanta know, dat know me, how did I live that way; how did I get by. Tell 'em, well, I guess I just tend my own business, I reckon.

Yes suh, never paid a 10 cents fine in my whole life.