

I think it was--lottery for the freedman right here--there are twenty acres to the head. And well on for that is according to you know, value of the land. Now if there's good land, why you got 20 acres, but if it's out like in the hills, you got on up as high as between 300, 320 acres. I guess that was about in the mountains, I guess. That's what the Indians, you know, give us.

Third Voice: Did you have a brother named Dave Shoals?

No sir, not that I know of. There's a good many of the Shoals a back down east of here.

Third Voice: Well, that's what I was thinking about.

Yes sir, I imagine that was it, you know, down to Harris down in there, south of Idabel, you know, on Red River, Idabel, is there now--It's on south of Idabel, you know, we had a good many kin folks all around in there, Harris Springs and different places. See, after we was free, why, they--I guess they scattered up. Yes sir, first one place and then another.

(Where were your mother and daddy born?)

I just really couldn't tell you. I guess they was freed right up there. But now for where they were born, that I couldn't tell you. But they told me they was freed right up here on the Lakewest farm. I knowed pretty well--I seen some of the old barn there, after, you know, they was free, but I never did see the houses. That was way back yonder.

(They may have--they may have been moved here from Mississippi, maybe, or Alabama, wonder?)