

Well, the Indian office there in Anadarko. It has loans that they give. I guess that's the government. I don't believe it's the Federal loan-- it's a government loan. They got all the money back that they loaned John. (In other words, he went to the Indian office to get the loan when he started his farming?)

Yeah. If you're a property owner, let's say like mother. She needs her house repaired now. She can go into the Indian office. They've got a fund where they will loan her the money. She'll repair her house. Then she makes a deal with her land-lease money some way and pays it back. I think she's getting ready to work on that with her house--the condition it's in!

(Well, the Office, do they encourage the Indians to keep their land or do they every try to.....)

Yes. Well, they are the ones that really have the say-so whether they sell or not. And what I've heard, they don't like for them to. They don't like for them to sell.

(They don't?)

No. I mean, Mama was trying to sell a piece of land and she went up there and they advised her that that was her way of receiving her income and if she would sell it, that she wouldn't, you know, have no other means of support.

(Bonnie: Did your father ever work?)

He did construction. I remember when I was a little girl we were camping--- And there was a oh, what would you call it--a rock--(pause, trying to think of right term)--it was construction work. And he used to go to work then. But we didn't own a car. We were on a wagon.

(Bonnie: What year was that?)

Oh, dear, I was just a little thing, probably five or six. And he worked--I don't know how long, but I remember we camped there almost all.....