

Dan and Inez Lee(2)

This is part two of Dr. Alvin Jackson's interview of Dan and Inez Lee on October 14, 1996, at their home in Portal, GA. Topics addressed include the genealogy of the Lee, Jackson, and Hodges families, the Tornado of 1929, Reed and Cato, Ku Klux Klan activities in Bulloch County, doctors and midwives within Bulloch County, racial relation in the area, and time spent at the Bennett Grove and Willow Hill Schools.

ALVIN: OK, this is tape number two, continuing the interview with Mr. Dan Lee and Ms. Inez Lee, longstanding citizens of Bulloch County and the Portal area, and we were just talking about the tornado of 1929. And he was talking me about Mr. Jeff Spells was killed, and then somebody lived near him. What happened?

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: Yeah, he died.

DAN: (inaudible) down the street (inaudible). And it killed him, took the house, and everything. Took the cow, killing the goat, (inaudible) over there right outside Mr. Jeff. And it went on about 300 feet from there, and went up. It went in there, and when it got to Mrs. Joy Brown's house just took the top off.

INEZ: Took everything off.

DAN: It got up, it got up, and (inaudible) like when one come, like, it come from this-a-way, you get (inaudible) side of the house, and coming this way (inaudible) the whole yard, (inaudible) next to one, and by the time they come and picked up the top (inaudible), and (inaudible) pick the house and pick you up inside it (inaudible).

ALVIN: Hoo!

INEZ: Wasn't nothing but just the side.

ALVIN: Lord, have mercy. Never -- that was a -- you'd never... Oh! (laughter)

INEZ: And there ain't none of --

DAN: Then went about a half a mile, then come back down. It went about a half a mile, Mr. Charleston Mense took them—I mean didn't kill none of them, but tore the house and the kids, two little girls (inaudible) about a half a mile, a quarter of a mile (inaudible).

INEZ: (inaudible) (inaudible) together, but it got loose somehow or another, and she was in -- when she come to her right senses, she was in the white man's house.

ALVIN: Ooh, now, which one of the girls was that?

INEZ: That was Maggie, and her...

ALVIN: (inaudible) -- Ms. Helen's sisters?

INEZ: No.

ALVIN: OK.

INEZ: That was Mr. Charleston's wife.

ALVIN: Mr. Charleston Mense's wife?

INEZ: Children.

ALVIN: Children. (whistles) That was some tornado, wasn't it? Now --

INEZ: They found her in the briar patch. Took two days.

DAN: Yeah.

ALVIN: Took two days to find her?

INEZ: Yeah. She was in the briar patch, (inaudible).

DAN: (inaudible) find people all in the top of the (inaudible).

ALVIN: People?

DAN: Their clothes, (inaudible).
 INEZ: I think (inaudible), I think, one of the Hall girls (inaudible).
 ALVIN: One of the Hall girls?
 INEZ: Uh-huh.
 ALVIN: Had a board?
 DAN: The cows, the cows... (inaudible).
 ALVIN: Really?
 DAN: Picked them up (inaudible).
 INEZ: (inaudible) with ten.
 ALVIN: Ooh, that was a time, wasn't it?
 INEZ: Clothes all in barbed wire. In the fences. (laughter)
 DAN: Yeah, (inaudible). Took everything (inaudible).
 ALVIN: Mm. My grandmother was in that storm. That's why I was asking you. You know, their house -- you know, they used to live back up in the woods, and the tornado came through there, and tore her house down, and took them up on a mattress, and took them and sit them down in the field somewhere.

DAN: (inaudible)
 INEZ: Moe Johnson (inaudible).
 DAN: (inaudible) a mile and a half.
 ALVIN: Mm-hmm.
 DAN: We went (inaudible).
 ALVIN: Mm-hmm.
 DAN: And we went to Mr. Jeffrey and his daughter there. It was (inaudible) or they (inaudible) missed the highway, (inaudible).
 ALVIN: To Ms. Nolie Deacle's now?
 INEZ: Took her and brought the house and came out there (inaudible).
 ALVIN: Now, who was that other person you was saying was in the tornado? You was getting ready to say somebody else. Do you remember? I thought you was getting ready to say somebody else. But you say it came near Ms. Nolie, too.

DAN: (inaudible) paint the house.
 INEZ: (inaudible)
 DAN: Oh, that was a time.
 ALVIN: Shoo, that was a time!
 INEZ: (inaudible)
 DAN: (inaudible)
 INEZ: (inaudible) fire, (inaudible) big old (inaudible).
 DAN: (inaudible)
 ALVIN: [00:05:00] Mm.
 DAN: (inaudible)
 ALVIN: Now --
 INEZ: (inaudible)
 ALVIN: Now, do -- y'all didn't see any of that, did you? You just saw the results of it. You didn't hear it, did you? Did...?

INEZ: Yeah, we hear it.
 ALVIN: Oh, y'all could hear the noise?
 INEZ: Yeah, we wasn't too far away.

DAN: (inaudible)
 INEZ: We weren't married then.
 DAN: (inaudible)
 ALVIN: Mm-hmm.
 DAN: Because we seen it --
 INEZ: Out --
 DAN: -- (inaudible) 30 minutes (inaudible) going anywhere (inaudible).
 INEZ: (inaudible) come by.
 DAN: (inaudible)
 INEZ: (inaudible)
 ALVIN: It was fair behind the tornado.
 INEZ: It was fair on this side. Where we was living at, it was fair (inaudible).
 ALVIN: Mm. Every time a storm cloud come up, my grandmother -- she remembered that -- she'd just go into fits -- that's what they said -- after that tornado. Said she just... Just being in one, you'll never forget it.
 INEZ: Well, then after then, (inaudible) a big meal, (inaudible) I don't know, at Johnson's Grove I think it was.
 DAN: (inaudible)
 INEZ: Then the wind blows, and it blow so hard you wanted to go out there, and Daddy wouldn't take us, and we told Daddy to get us some (inaudible). (inaudible) old cotton (inaudible). I was (inaudible). (laughter)
 ALVIN: Mm.
 INEZ: Yeah!
 ALVIN: I'm going to take a picture while you're talking, because I'm going to make a story about this, and I want to get your expressions, so just keep talking. I'm going to take a picture.
 INEZ: And he said -- let me tell you (inaudible). He said, "You'll wear them cotton stockings or you'll wear nothing." (laughter) (inaudible) cotton stocking (inaudible). (inaudible), and the cloud come up that evening, and ooh, it look like it'll take your hand, good as like that. Daddy had a , made a taterhouse, you dug down in there, and put atop, it look just like a house. All the (inaudible) over in the (inaudible). I went back, Mama, she was already in the house, (inaudible). I went back in the house. By the time I got in the house, the house up (inaudible). (inaudible) didn't take the house. It hit it.
 ALVIN: Whoa. That's -- that was quite a tornado. (phone rings) Well, I (inaudible) --
 INEZ: And after me and Dan married, they had another one.
 ALVIN: Another tornado?
 INEZ: It was another storm coming, and (inaudible). And then (laughter) when Dad got mad with me 'cause I wouldn't go to church, and I had little children, you know, and to go somewhere have to leave 'em with somebody, and I didn't want to go leave my children. (laughter) And Dan, "Inez, I'm going now. you got to come in here and go!" "I am not going, and you ain't going either! You better stay here! And then you see that (inaudible) gonna come a tornado. Don't you see how that whirlwind going? Honey he went on over there. I'll go and get Mr. Willie." (inaudible). "I can't leave the house. My wife says a storm's coming." Hoo, you could see trees just poke, boom, boom, boom, boom. Boom. Trees just falling. And all that night you couldn't open the door.

You couldn't open your window, nothing. They got (inaudible) down there, and nowhere around us.

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: And he was there all night with the children.

ALVIN: Mm. All night in the church?

INEZ: Yeah! (laughter)

ALVIN: What church was that? Johnson's Grove?

INEZ: Yeah.

ALVIN: That storm was that bad?

INEZ: Yeah.

ALVIN: You remember what year that was?

INEZ: It was in the '30s.

ALVIN: It was in the '30s.

INEZ: We stayed up on the hill. We stayed up on the hill.

ALVIN: Mm.

INEZ: Ms. Mamie was staying down in front of us.

ALVIN: What Mamie was that?

INEZ: Ms. Mamie Johnson, Corine's mama.

ALVIN: You remember her?

INEZ: Yeah.

ALVIN: She -- that was Mr. Arnold Jackson's daughter.

INEZ: Mm-hmm.

ALVIN: I don't know if you knew Mr. Arnold Jackson.

INEZ: Yeah. (inaudible). [00:10:00] I seen him. I thought he was a good-looking young man, to be old as he was. They say he was over 100.

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: He was.

INEZ: Yeah, little miss Mamie.

DAN: My oldest daughter...my oldest daughter Maude (inaudible) she married Mrs. Mamie's grandson.

ALVIN: She married Ms. Mamie's grandson?

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Oh. Now, you know Ms. Mamie was related to my daddy.

DAN: Yeah, (inaudible).

ALVIN: Related to Zeke Jackson. She was a Jackson, and that was Arnold Jackson's daughter, and I didn't learn that until later years. Now, Ms. Mamie could drink a little bit, couldn't she?

DAN: Yes. (laughter)

INEZ: (laughter) She would have us laughing.

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: That was Corinne's daughter.

ALVIN: Mm-hmm. I don't know if I remember... I remember Corinne, but I don't remember her daughter. And so you said she could take a little taste?

INEZ: If there's a little old taste, she'd make it.,

ALVIN: She'd make it herself?

INEZ: She'd buy it, too. She'd buy it. She'd make it (inaudible), you know, never seen nobody make tomato wine. She made tomato wine, (inaudible). She didn't throw away anything.

ALVIN: She didn't throw away anything.

INEZ: Uh-uh. Potato wine. Tomato wine. Grape wine.

ALVIN: I've never heard of all that.

INEZ: Oh yeah, she did.

ALVIN: So she made wine out of anything.

INEZ: Yeah. Watermelon. You get it the same way.

ALVIN: Mm. And then she'd drink it?

INEZ: Yeah, she'd drink it, and she'd (inaudible) taste it, taste (inaudible).

ALVIN: I don't know (inaudible).

INEZ: Samson.

ALVIN: Samson. I know the Samson stuff. I don't know (overlapping dialogue; inaudible) --

INEZ: Nura.

ALVIN: I know a lot of the Samsons.

INEZ: You know Nura Samson?

ALVIN: I don't know Nura Samson. I know some Samsons I went to school with out at Willow Hill.

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Oh, they used to live up there, did they?

DAN: Yeah, (inaudible).

INEZ: See I think they went --

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: They still up there? Is Cecil [Gage?] still living?

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: He's gone.

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: It's hot.

ALVIN: You want me to crack the door for you? It's a little warm to me but y'all like heat, don't ya?

INEZ: That's all right.

ALVIN: Cousin Dan loves heat.

INEZ: That's all right.

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Huh?

DAN: (inaudible) arthritis in the knees.

ALVIN: I know, you got it in here like as a furnace. I was like, oh, Lord! I come down to Georgia from Ohio, and I said, "People have heat, as hot as it is here." It's a lot cooler up there and we don't even have heat on. I was like, "Woo, y'all love it!" Do you like it, Cousin Inez, just like --

INEZ: I like it. I don't like it hot, but I like it a little bit warm, kind of warm, just normal.

ALVIN: Now, you said you've seen Mr. Arnold Jackson before? Where did you see him at?

INEZ: Who was that man? His name (inaudible). (inaudible)?

DAN: I don't know, but he used to (overlapping dialogue; inaudible) --

INEZ: Yeah, I think it was. Yeah.

DAN: He used to come down there. He (overlapping dialogue; inaudible) --

INEZ: He came to the funeral and everything. Came to the funeral and then she had a -- her brother, half-brother, he was...

ALVIN: Ms. Mamie's half-brother?

INEZ: Uh-huh, (inaudible) --

ALVIN: Was it Mose?

INEZ: That was him, wasn't it?

ALVIN: Mose Jackson?

DAN: Jackson?

ALVIN: Yeah. Name was Mose Jackson.

INEZ: (inaudible) come to the funeral.

ALVIN: Now, where was the funeral at?

INEZ: Scarborough Grove.

ALVIN: They came up there to Scarborough Grove to somebody's funeral. And he was old then.

INEZ: (inaudible) his mama funeral. (inaudible) over here (inaudible) back to the house. Didn't bring him back to the house.

ALVIN: And you said for an old man he got around real good?

INEZ: Yeah, looking good! Looked young!

ALVIN: Didn't look nearly that old?

INEZ: Uh-uh. (inaudible) good.

ALVIN: Mm. Arnold Jackson. He lived -- they said he was a hundred and --

INEZ: Well, he looked good (inaudible).

ALVIN: They said he lived to be somewhere between 109 and 114 years old, something like that. That's what I've heard. They said his -- now, Cousin Mamie, his daughter, they said she lived to be real old, too.

DAN: Yeah she did live to be about 100.

ALVIN: Yeah. She looked pretty good to be her age, too, didn't she?

DAN: Yeah.

ALVIN: For a long time.

INEZ: Yeah.

DAN: She weren't sick, though. She (inaudible).

INEZ: She wasn't sick, no.

ALVIN: She said that liquor kept her going.

INEZ: She...

ALVIN: Uh-huh.

INEZ: She couldn't drink that liquor. And I -- and my boys (inaudible) with Jack, and he would go down there (inaudible) and they'd call her -- I'd call her Grandma (inaudible) all them called her Grandma. She thought that was just wonderful. And one day I (inaudible). "Grandma want me to do something." I said, "Go ahead and do it! Come back!" You see what I mean? (inaudible) that boy (inaudible) Grandma. (laughter) I said, "I ain't gonna tell (inaudible)." I said, "I..." I said, "He'll quit it when his time comes." I said, "He'll quit." I said, "I ain't gonna tell him," I said, "'cause all the rest of

them (inaudible) calling Grandma -- call you Grandma.” I said, “And he gon’ call you Grandma, too.” And so (inaudible).

DAN: You know Ernest Lott.

ALVIN: Yeah, I know Ernest Lott. Yeah, he lives on, like -- my Grandpa Lindsay used to own that place where he’s at now, and Aunt Alice. Now, did you said you know Aunt Alice who used to live with Grandpa Lindsay? That was his aunt. Did you know her, too? Do you know anything about her people, who they...?

DAN: [No?].

ALVIN: But you knew her. Did you know her, too, Cousin?

INEZ: I see her, but I don’t think -- I never (inaudible).

ALVIN: But you’ve seen her before.

INEZ: Mm-hmm.

DAN: Have you (inaudible)?

ALVIN: I haven’t seen it in a long time.

DAN: He has a nice place.

ALVIN: Got it fixed up nice, huh?

INEZ: He got a place up there where you can have family reunions. Let people have family reunions and things, parties, (inaudible).

ALVIN: Mm, very nice, huh? Very nice. He’s always been a hard worker.

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: He is, too. (inaudible).

ALVIN: Still working, huh? Hard workers.

INEZ: The children work too.

ALVIN: That’s how you have something is work hard. He had a lot of --

INEZ: Don’t let you children sit around. Make them work, too.

ALVIN: Yeah. That’s important. Now, one last thing I want to ask is when y’all were growing up, did y’all celebrate Christmas? Did y’all get presents for Christmas, or...?

INEZ: I got clothes. I got (inaudible). (laughter) I (inaudible). I never miss a Christmas in my life. I never miss one. But I ain’t gonna tell nobody what great, big present, but it was something or another, let me know it was Christmas when I was a child. (inaudible) sometime (inaudible), she cook a lot of food and everything for Christmas, they’ve always got popcorn, candy, (inaudible) apples, and you bought little old, little old things. You bought a little old telephone one time, little bitty doll, (inaudible). And I never missed a Christmas in my life. And after I married, I married, Christmas done. I didn’t have none (inaudible). Yeah, Christmas. (laughter) “Where’s mine?” (laughter) Daddy. “Your what?” “My Santa Claus.” He said, “You done had your Santa Claus.” I said, “Where’s mine? Daddy, y’all ain’t got me nothing for Christmas? Ooh!” (laughter) Boy, child, I cried out, put up a piece of crap! I put up a piece of crap! “I want my Christmas! Daddy, (inaudible).” (laughter) I just had a fit. I just cried. He said, “Well, (inaudible). If I had known you was gonna do like that, (laughter) I would’ve put you in there with (inaudible). If I’d known you were gonna do that, I would’ve put you in there with it, too.”

ALVIN: Oh, Lord have mercy.

INEZ: So he went out there and he went to the store. Dad took me to the store, and he got me some apple, some candy, got me a little old dish with some candy in it. (laughter) [00:20:00] But I still got it!

ALVIN: You knew it was Christmas then, huh?

INEZ: Yeah.

ALVIN: OK. Now, other than Christmas, did y'all celebrate Thanksgiving when you were children? Do you remember ever celebrating that?

INEZ: (inaudible) something or other, eat something or other. We celebrate Thanksgiving more since I've grown.

ALVIN: OK.

INEZ: Then we did when I was little.

ALVIN: Did y'all celebrate Fourth of July when you were little?

INEZ: No. Someone was going to a ballgame or something.

ALVIN: Y'all played a lot of softball back then, huh?

INEZ: No, we didn't play it. (inaudible) that ball (inaudible) had a racehorse track, and (inaudible) racehorse.

ALVIN: Whose place was that that had the racehorse track?

INEZ: It was Dr. Stewart.

ALVIN: Dr. Stewart? Is that the doctor --

INEZ: Dr. Stewart had it.

ALVIN: Is that the Dr. Stewart up at Portal?

INEZ: No, that... That wasn't his place, was it?

DAN: No.

INEZ: (inaudible) had trace the house.

DAN: (inaudible) horse (inaudible) racehorse.

INEZ: I know he had --

ALVIN: Dr. Stewart up at Portal had racehorses? Dr. J.A. Stewart?

INEZ: Yeah.

ALVIN: OK.

INEZ: And then they had ballgames down...

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: Down...

ALVIN: Who, Dr. Stewart?

INEZ: Man, you talk about people! Lord!

ALVIN: They let the black people go out there, too? Stand in line and watch the races?

INEZ: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Now, where were these races held?

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: Right out from Portal.

ALVIN: And people from all around come to the races?

INEZ: (inaudible)

ALVIN: So they had a racetrack around Portal?

DAN: Mm-hmm.

INEZ: Yes. They had --

ALVIN: About what year was that?

INEZ: Like in '26, '27. Right on up til '30. And they had a racehorse (inaudible) about it. Maybe it looked (inaudible).

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: The races were? Now, they would let the blacks play ball. Where were --

DAN: Yeah.

ALVIN: Y'all had teams that come and played against each other?

DAN: Yes.

ALVIN: Where would the teams come from?

DAN: Where would they come from...

ALVIN: They'd be Bolloch County teams?

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: They'd be coming outside the county, too?

DAN: Yeah, from all... (inaudible)

INEZ: Twin City. Twin City, and every...

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Serious ball. That was a big thing back then, baseball, huh?

DAN: Yes.

INEZ: Yeah, they had shows in Portal.

ALVIN: What kind of shows they had in Portal?

INEZ: (laughter) Those shows -- shows acting, people acting.

ALVIN: They had a movie house up there?

INEZ: Yeah, they had... They had a little tent, (inaudible).

ALVIN: Oh, like the Vaudeville stuff.

INEZ: Yeah. They had --

ALVIN: Now, what year was that?

INEZ: That would've been '30, '27.

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: Uh-huh.

ALVIN: And so they would come through here and set up shows --

DAN: Uh-huh.

ALVIN: -- and people would come up there and see it. What were some of the things they would have? Acting and all?

INEZ: Yeah, acting. (inaudible) acting.

ALVIN: Would this be whites doing it or blacks?

INEZ: White and black.

DAN: (inaudible). Sure enough. (inaudible).

INEZ: I didn't (inaudible) --

DAN: It was -- well, it wouldn't be big (inaudible) --

INEZ: I'd take Kermit.

DAN: -- (inaudible) Kermit (inaudible).

INEZ: Kermit married a -- Kermit, Nolie's boy, and Oscar Renner, they married two womens off of the show, come off the show.

ALVIN: Nolie Deacle -- Mrs. Nolie Deacle's son.

INEZ: Mm-hmm, I think.

ALVIN: Kermit Deacle, and then who was the other one?

INEZ: Arthur. That's (inaudible). (laughter)

ALVIN: OK. Well, I can --

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: Reynolds.

ALVIN: Arthur Reynolds. Now, where was he from?

INEZ: (inaudible)

ALVIN: He was from Bulloch County, too? And they -- did they go with the show when he, when they married a girl?

INEZ: No, they wouldn't go.

ALVIN: Oh, they --

INEZ: They quit the show.

ALVIN: The girls... (laughter)

INEZ: They -- them girls come here with the show.

ALVIN: These were black girls.

INEZ: Yeah.

ALVIN: So the black women used to come with the show, too.

INEZ: Uh-huh.

ALVIN: Was this, like, an all-black show, or black and white show?

INEZ: (inaudible). And then the one Kermit married, she was named Willie Bray, and the one Arthur married, she was named, what was her name?

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: And (inaudible) back in there, [00:25:00] people thought they were brothers, (inaudible) show women, 'cause those was bad, that was bad.

ALVIN: Oh, they thought the show women were bad.

INEZ: Yeah. (laughter)

ALVIN: Oh.

INEZ: They thought they were bad.

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Mm. And so if you married a show woman, everybody thought, "Ooh, they got a bad woman," huh?

INEZ: (inaudible). But they was -- she was pretty good.

ALVIN: Now, I did -- I now y'all getting tired --

INEZ: But (inaudible) but everybody made a mistake. I don't know where she's living now (inaudible). I don't know if... I know he did.

ALVIN: OK, where would they be living? Here in Bulloch County?

INEZ: They was living here, but they went to Jesup.

ALVIN: Jesup, Georgia.

INEZ: Uh-huh.

ALVIN: Now, the la-- I want to know something about the Depression. You remember the Depression?

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Hoover days, they call it.

DAN: Yeah.

ALVIN: Y'all remember that?

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Was that real bad?

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: What was that like?

DAN: It wasn't too bad.

ALVIN: You remember the Hoover days?

INEZ: You worked all the time and didn't get no money. (laughter)

DAN: We didn't have nothing.

INEZ: Yeah, I remember when you had to (inaudible) when the people worked in the field, I helped pick cotton for 50 cents a hundred.

ALVIN: Shoo.

DAN: I work 30, 33 years, and you know the highest I got in money? Seventy-five cents (inaudible).

ALVIN: Where was that at?

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: (inaudible) 1930s.

ALVIN: When you moved up here, you got 75 cents a day?

DAN: That's all I got, long as I worked, 75 cents.

ALVIN: And you worked how many years?

DAN: Thirty-three.

ALVIN: And making 75 cents a day?

DAN: Working (inaudible) --

INEZ: Oh, you went up now, Dan. You didn't work 33 long years for that.

DAN: They never did go up.

INEZ: And that went up some, you know.

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: That went up, that went up in '50. It went up in '50.

ALVIN: How much they give you in '50, then?

INEZ: You were getting a dollar and something.

DAN: (inaudible) I got no more work, and when I got more I went to work yonder at the feed mill there. And then they did -- they weren't getting but 30, 40, about \$45 a week.

ALVIN: At the feed mill.

DAN: (inaudible) a dollar hour labor come in, they had to go up.

ALVIN: Mm-hmm. Now, do you remember what year that was? When the hour labor came in?

DAN: (inaudible) '75.

ALVIN: So you mean up until that point they could pay you what they wanted to pay you?

DAN: Yeah.

ALVIN: And so they would just pay you anything, huh? Who was the people that owned the feed mill?

DAN: Cliff Marr.

ALVIN: OK, and you used to work for him. How many years did you work for him?

DAN: About 15 years.

ALVIN: And then when you worked for the 30 years you was working on the farm?

DAN: Yeah, yeah, I worked -- I went to the farm in the 1940s. (inaudible), I took two horse farm and I went to turpentine (inaudible).

ALVIN: OK. Now, was turpentine a lot of money?

DAN: Well, I worked turpentine --

INEZ: People now, they got killed, and taking all that money --

DAN: -- working [about a?] (overlapping dialogue; inaudible) dollar and a half --

INEZ: -- (inaudible), they can't make a living, though.

DAN: -- dollar and a half up there --

INEZ: Can't make a living.

DAN: -- working (inaudible). I put it in the cup.

ALVIN: Mm-hmm.

INEZ: Saying that they can't make a living.

DAN: A dollar and a half, (inaudible) working with (inaudible) 15, 16, 17, 18 hundred dollars (inaudible). So (inaudible) went to farm in 40, they probably gotten the farm. I will take care of corn and work a turbine, and (inaudible) farm (inaudible).

ALVIN: Mm-hmm. As far as... Well, you know, I can go. She needs to use the...

DAN: Yeah, it was (inaudible). Well, it got where you couldn't... Turpentine wouldn't even see in Hovertown people wouldn't buy it from you. There wasn't no sales. [If people had?] (inaudible) [00:30:00] colored people have no cars, and (inaudible) they have -- they couldn't run a car.

ALVIN: They couldn't run cars because it was so bad, huh?

DAN: They couldn't run. Had to make Hoover cars out of them. Let a mule pull them.

ALVIN: They took regular cars and let mules pull 'em.

DAN: Yeah, just cut the (inaudible) off of 'em, make a wagon out of it.

ALVIN: Mm. So that was hard times, huh? Wow. Did you... Did you know Uncle Ben Donaldson?

DAN: Yeah.

ALVIN: You remember him?

DAN: Old Man Ben?

ALVIN: Yeah.

DAN: Yeah.

ALVIN: He used to have a store up there at Blandsboro.

DAN: Yeah.

ALVIN: Did you? OK. 'Cause I know after the Depression came, that's when he -- his store went out of business. He said nobody could pay, get people to get stuff on time, and you never could make anything out of it.

DAN: Yeah, (inaudible). I know everybody.

ALVIN: You do, you know quite a few people here. Yeah, well...

DAN: (inaudible) I knew all of them.

ALVIN: Mm-hmm. Did you know Uncle Ben's wife, Aunt Roseanne? You remember her, too?

DAN: Yes.

ALVIN: So you know a lot of people. That's why I wanted to talk, and the next time I come I'm going to talk some more about them. You know Aunt Roseanne and Uncle Ben, Andy Parish? You knew all of them, and Aunt Rye?

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: You knew all of them. Mm. So you have a lot of memory for the people around here. A lot of memory. Lot of memory. So you was always a Primitive Baptist. You were never anything else, were you?

DAN: Well, that all (inaudible). I tried the Evening Light, the same thing, and enjoyed that pretty good.

ALVIN: OK.

DAN: When the Evening Light first come out, you could -- you could (inaudible), and you didn't belong to it.

ALVIN: What is the Evening Light? Was that Daddy Grace?

DAN: (inaudible)
 ALVIN: Was that Daddy Grace church?
 DAN: Uh-huh.
 ALVIN: Evening Light. I don't know what that is.
 INEZ: (inaudible)
 DAN: Yeah.
 ALVIN: Oh, they call it the Evening Light?
 DAN: (inaudible)
 ALVIN: So if you wanted to date a girl, you have to be that.
 DAN: Yeah, yeah, yeah. She belong in there.
 ALVIN: OK.
 DAN: Her people? You couldn't court her (inaudible).
 ALVIN: Oh.
 DAN: It was some good -- that was (inaudible). (laughter)
 ALVIN: So was Ms. Nolie Deacle a member of the Church of God, too? No, (inaudible)...
 DAN: No.
 ALVIN: No, your mama was a member there?
 INEZ: (inaudible)
 ALVIN: How did you get to be the Evening Light, then?
 INEZ: I wasn't.
 ALVIN: Oh, I thought... Oh, it was somebody else he was courting. OK.
 INEZ: Dan had so many girls, he couldn't... (laughter)
 DAN: (inaudible)
 INEZ: He got so many girls!
 DAN: She belonged to the Methodist.
 INEZ: I belonged to the Methodist church.
 DAN: (inaudible)
 ALVIN: OK. Now, what Methodist church you were a member? The one in Portal?
 INEZ: Yeah, it got burnt down. Somebody burned it down.
 ALVIN: What was the name of it?
 INEZ: RE.
 ALVIN: Was it Mt. Pisga?
 INEZ: No, it was ME.
 ALVIN: ME?
 INEZ: Uh-huh.
 ALVIN: It was just ME? It didn't have another name?
 INEZ: Wesley.
 ALVIN: Wesley.
 INEZ: Chapel.
 ALVIN: Chapel. AME.
 INEZ: Mm-hmm.
 ALVIN: Oh, I didn't know they had one of those in Portal.
 INEZ: Yeah, (inaudible).
 ALVIN: Now, when it burned down they didn't rebuild it?
 INEZ: Never did, no.
 ALVIN: Where did all the members go there?

INEZ: Some of them went to -- back to (inaudible). Some went to Methodist, some went to Baptist.

ALVIN: Oh, so... Did y'all have a lot of members?

INEZ: (inaudible)

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Right.

INEZ: (inaudible)

DAN: She, she belongs to Brennan. You know Brennan Chapel?

ALVIN: Brennan Chapel in Statesboro? Yeah, I remember that church.

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: That's where your membership now?

DAN: Mm-hmm.

ALVIN: OK. And so you used to go to Mt. Pisga. It's been there a long time, huh?

DAN: Yeah. (inaudible).

INEZ: I go to all of them. I tell you the truth, I don't understand somebody goes, "Woo, my church," well, I say I belong to Brennan, but I take all of 'em. I ain't got no choice.

ALVIN: OK. So when you left, he was telling me about Hoover carts, where they would take cars and they would hitch horses to 'em, 'cause people just --

DAN: (inaudible) had 'em, 'cause they just (inaudible), cut the body off, take the bottom off, make a wagon out of it, to carry them.

ALVIN: But y'all were never hungry during that time, though.

DAN: No, you could get some.

ALVIN: You could get -- you could raise your food.

DAN: Sure did, (inaudible) makes \$3.75 every week. And I could take, I could take \$2 and a half and get a cork sack full of fruit.

ALVIN: Mm. [00:35:00] Won't do that anymore. (laughter) Two dollars and a half, you couldn't even... They wouldn't let you in the store with \$2 and a half. They would've locked the door.

INEZ: And they -- I tell them all, they -- 'cause I done made my shoes. I used to call them Boston white leather (inaudible) -- a Boston leather shoe. It's real white and pretty, and you can wash it off and it looks like new. But now they cost \$15 and \$16 and \$17, and you used to get them for 50 cents.

ALVIN: Fifty cents.

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: And your hard -- what they call it? The --

DAN: (inaudible) shoes --

ALVIN: Mm-hmm.

DAN: -- (inaudible). (inaudible) 75 cents, and an overall.

INEZ: Little baby shoes, you know the hard bottom you what make 'em walk.

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: You get them for a dollar.

DAN: And \$30 now for overalls, you could get 'em for 75 cents a pair (inaudible).

ALVIN: Mm. That's amazing. And y'all could find all that stuff up in Portal?

DAN: Yeah.

ALVIN: Portal used to have a lot more people coming up there than nowadays.

DAN: Oh.

INEZ: Ain't nobody in Portal.
DAN: (inaudible) just like a town.
INEZ: It was... It did look raggedy, but they did (inaudible) and try to clean it up and get the bushes and things out.
ALVIN: Mm-hmm. But Saturday night there'd be folk all over the place, wouldn't there?
DAN: Mm-hmm.
ALVIN: About what time would they start coming to Portal on Saturday night?
INEZ: On Saturday evening -- some be there all day Saturday.
DAN: (inaudible)
ALVIN: Oh, they start Saturday during the daytime.
DAN: Yeah, yeah. Yeah, (inaudible) --
INEZ: They go to dinner and sometime (inaudible).
DAN: (inaudible)
INEZ: But I tell you somebody else I would like to see, too -- I don't know (inaudible) -- that's Floyd Johnson's daughter. That is (inaudible). She married Uncle Pete. Yeah, Uncle Pete (inaudible).
ALVIN: Uncle Pete who?
INEZ: William.
ALVIN: Uncle Pete William's son. Now, who would that be?
DAN: (inaudible) Waller (inaudible).
ALVIN: Mr. Waller Wiggins?
DAN: Wigiam.
ALVIN: Wigiam. I don't know him.
INEZ: (inaudible)
DAN: (inaudible)
INEZ: Old (inaudible), he talked like old (inaudible).
ALVIN: I don't remember him.
INEZ: You don't remember him? And William -- Robert Williams.
ALVIN: I don't know if I remember him, either.
INEZ: He was (inaudible) Church of God.
ALVIN: Mm-hmm. Now, so one of Mr. Floyd Johnson's daughter married into that family?
INEZ: Yeah, married Mr. (inaudible) -- married Mr. -- Uncle Pete's son.
ALVIN: Hmm.
INEZ: Now, he dead. He dead now.
ALVIN: I wonder which one of the daughters was that.
INEZ: I think it was the oldest girl.
ALVIN: Was it Clevesta? No, that wasn't Clevesta. Clevesta was a Mense. Who was that daughter?
INEZ: I can't think of it.
ALVIN: Now, it was Aaron Johnson, Jr.'s sister.
INEZ: Yeah, it was his sister. It was Aaron's...
ALVIN: I think I know who you're talking about, but I can't come up with --
INEZ: And man, after all of them got out --
DAN: Mrs. Nolan's daughter.
ALVIN: Yeah, that's Ms. Nolan]. You're right.

INEZ: -- and all of 'em got out, and she come home, they come home (inaudible), and she would -- and him and her come to Portal, and Martha come with Floyd. She got in (inaudible). And she drove (inaudible) and told her mama she had no business in Portal. She didn't have no business in Portal. She known... She (inaudible) come to Portal. (inaudible). I said, "What's wrong with her coming with her husband? Nothing." I said, "I don't know." I said, "(inaudible) that's the way it is." I said, "Well, I don't care. You ain't staying with yours."

ALVIN: Ooh! (laughter)

INEZ: "You stay home with your husband, and you follow your husband. Why she can't follow hers?" And I said, "Uh-uh." I said, "I don't blame her. I wouldn't stay home ain't nobody but me, and if he come to Portal, I'd come to Portal, too."

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: I knew her. We used to call her Cousin Liza.

INEZ: Liza.

DAN: Her -- (inaudible) brother, he the one married my sister (inaudible).

ALVIN: OK, now, what's Cousin Liza's brother name?

DAN: T.J.

ALVIN: T.J.?

DAN: T.J. Young.

ALVIN: Young. Is that Mr. Arthur Young's son, Miss...? What is Mr. Arthur Young's wife named? Miss...?

DAN: Essie Mae.

ALVIN: No, Ms. [00:40:00] Anna... Anna?

DAN: Anna, something like that.

ALVIN: Ms. Anna Young. Cousin Etta. Wasn't it Cousin Etta?

DAN: Yeah, yeah, I believe it was.

ALVIN: Cousin Etta.

DAN: Yeah, yeah, my sister (inaudible) TJ.

ALVIN: Oh! How many children did Cousin Etta and Mr. Arthur have? I remember them good. They used to have a little Model A, a little Model A Ford or something. They used to drive that old car. You remember that old car they had?

DAN: (inaudible stretch)

INEZ: Willie Mae.

DAN: Huh?

INEZ: Willie Mae.

ALVIN: Willie Mae was one? Who was C. -- you say C. Fisey?

INEZ: (inaudible) talking about Micey.

ALVIN: Yeah, but he call one Micey, and then he said C. Fisey. Is that two different people?

DAN: No, (inaudible) C. Fisey (inaudible), C. Fisey, that was...

INEZ: That's Boyd (inaudible).

DAN: Micey.

ALVIN: There was one named Micey and there was one named C. Fisey?

DAN: Yeah, 'cause that was her nickname. That was a nickname. I think that was Lily Mae. Nicknamed C. Fisey.

INEZ: Lily Mae?

ALVIN: Lily Mae or Willie Mae?

DAN: Willie. That was her nickname, C. Fisey.

ALVIN: OK, and what was that other one you called -- had a nickname, too? You called Micey, and then there was another one had a nickname. Baby. Who was that?

DAN: That's a boy. That (inaudible). (inaudible) had two boys, and one named T.J. and one named Baby.

ALVIN: And so your sister, the one that lives in Florida, married --

DAN: T.J.

ALVIN: Oh. So Mr. Arthur Young. Now, did you know who Mr. Arthur Young's brothers were?

DAN: Henry Young.

ALVIN: Henry Young. Who else?

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Was any of his brothers a school teacher?

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: 'Cause there was a Young -- Ms. Veronica Young's Daddy. Was that related to them? Was that a different set of Youngs? You know Ms. Veronica Young in Statesboro?

DAN: Oh, yeah, yeah. She (inaudible).

ALVIN: Ms. Agnes Young used to teach up at Willow Hill.

DAN: (inaudible) Tom, Tom...

INEZ: That was Henry's boy, wasn't it?

DAN: Henry Young's boy. His name was Tom. (inaudible) Hill -- you know (inaudible) Hill.

INEZ: Oh yeah, (inaudible).

ALVIN: Is that related to Mr. Arthur Young?

DAN: That is. (inaudible) Tom. Ms. Young remember her old man (inaudible). Tom --

INEZ: Oh, she was (inaudible) --

DAN: -- Tom's daddy and Arthur Young were brothers.

ALVIN: OK, now Ms. Veronica Young's husband's name was what?

DAN: Tom.

ALVIN: Tom. And so Tom and Mr. Arthur were brothers?

DAN: Their daddies.

ALVIN: Their daddies were brothers.

DAN: One married my sister. T.J. and Tom were first cousins.

ALVIN: Were first cousins. All right.

DAN: They were two brothers.

ALVIN: Now, Mr. -- there was a Young who was a professor, who was a teacher, used to teach over at Pulaski and all around. Who was that Young? You ever heard of that Young?

INEZ: No, nobody -- nobody ever heard of her.

ALVIN: Professor Young. It was a man, I thought.

INEZ: I don't know. I --

ALVIN: You never heard of that.

INEZ: If I heard, I (inaudible).

DAN: (inaudible) they had a girl (inaudible).

INEZ: Well, I don't know (inaudible) her two boys. Now, she had two boys. They had two boys. I don't know what they... I don't know if they're teaching, one of them's teaching school or what.

ALVIN: Who you mean? Ms. Veronica Young had two boys?

INEZ: Mm-hmm.

ALVIN: Oh, yeah, one of her boys --

INEZ: Taught.

ALVIN: -- taught school.

INEZ: Hmm?

ALVIN: One of their boys taught school.

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: I know Cousin C real good.

DAN: You knew (inaudible).

ALVIN: Cousin Melrose.

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Cousin Melrose was a Young? I thought she was a Jackson. I thought she was a Jackson.

DAN: Yeah, she was Jackson. Henry Jackson.

ALVIN: OK. Was this Cousin Melrose related to Arnold Jackson and all them Jacksons from up there? Cousin Mamie Jackson and all them?

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: 'cause she was from Jenkins County, [00:45:00] and the only reason I know that is because I saw that in a program I was looking the other day. It said Melrose Jackson from Jenkins County, and I thought, "Oh, my people are from Jenkins County."

DAN: Melrose Jackson (inaudible) Charter Jackson. You know Charter Jackson?

ALVIN: I heard of them, but I was trying to figure out how they're related to, though.

DAN: (inaudible) Jackson...

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ALVIN: OK, now Ms. Ada was a Williams, but didn't she marry son Jack?

INEZ: Yeah, (inaudible) son Jack.

DAN: The old man (inaudible) he was (inaudible).

ALVIN: Is this the same Jackson you're talking about? This is a different son Jackson?

DAN: Well, (inaudible) know little Charlie. Little Mr. Charlie, he been -- he was the son -- his boy's son, Jackson, he just died last year. His boy.

ALVIN: Now, that's Ms. Ada's son, though, wasn't it?

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: OK, son Jack. I don't know how... I've heard of him, but I've gotten it mixed up.

DAN: (inaudible) Mamie, Mamie (inaudible).

ALVIN: Mamie Lou what?

DAN: What was she? She was Johnson, wasn't she?

INEZ: She was a Johnson.

ALVIN: Mamie Johnson?

INEZ: Yes.

ALVIN: Is that Cousin Lily Mae Sharefield and all them? Is that the same Mamie Johnson?

INEZ: They was all kids --

ALVIN: Buddy Johnson?
DAN: Yeah.
INEZ: Yeah.
DAN: Charlie's wife, Ms. Mamie was her granddaughter.
ALVIN: OK, now Mr. Charlie's wife name was what?
DAN: Old man Charlie?
ALVIN: Yeah, what was his wife name?
DAN: (inaudible)
ALVIN: But you're saying that old man Charlie's wife was related to Ms. Mamie Jackson?
Was related to Mr. Buddy Johnson?
DAN: Johnson.
ALVIN: I'm trying to figure out who old man -- who these people are related to Charlie Jackson.
INEZ: Charlie (inaudible) talking about (inaudible), his wife, Mamie Johnson.
ALVIN: Mamie Johnson.
INEZ: She was a Johnson.
ALVIN: OK. But this same Johnson related to Buddy Johnson.
INEZ: I think so.
ALVIN: You think so.
DAN: (inaudible) Buddy (inaudible).
ALVIN: Mr. Buddy married Ms. Julia Johnson.
DAN: (inaudible)
ALVIN: Yeah, is that a different one?
DAN: No, Ms. (inaudible) her son.
INEZ: That was his son.
ALVIN: Exactly.
DAN: Ms. Mamie was Buddy's mom.
ALVIN: That's what -- I know that, but what I'm trying to figure out: is this one --
INEZ: (inaudible)
ALVIN: -- related to this family, though?
INEZ: Yeah, yeah.
ALVIN: This Mamie Johnson you're talking about is related to --
DAN: Yeah.
ALVIN: -- all of them?
DAN: Little Charlie, he was a Jackson, but his wife, Ms. Mamie was her grandmother.
INEZ: I think so. It was her grandmother.
ALVIN: Ms. Mamie was her grandmother?
INEZ: Mm-hmm.
ALVIN: OK, I see what you're saying now. But I still don't know who Charlie Jackson, who they're all related to. I don't know who these Charlie Jackson people are. Do you know?
INEZ: No, I don't know. I don't know.
DAN: Well, I know (inaudible) son, son Jackson (inaudible).
INEZ: They got two girls.
DAN: (inaudible)
ALVIN: And his name was Son --

INEZ: They got two girls (overlapping dialogue; inaudible).

ALVIN: -- and his last name was Jackson. Son Jackson. What is it -- and his real name was Charlie Jackson, but they call him Son Jackson?

DAN: I suppose so.

ALVIN: Do you know who his father was?

DAN: Charlie Jackson.

ALVIN: So he was named after his father. So Charlie Jackson, and his father was... And then you don't know who the old man Charlie Jackson married?

DAN: I know the wife good but I can't remember right now.

ALVIN: You can't remember right now. OK. Now, how many children did Mr. Charlie Jackson have? I'm trying to see if there's any people around here I still know, related to them.

DAN: (inaudible) Son.

INEZ: (inaudible)

DAN: Son (inaudible). (inaudible) came to Charlie's funeral. And...

ALVIN: How old was this Charlie Jackson that died?

DAN: Well, he was about... He wasn't quite a year older than I was.

ALVIN: OK, so -- and this was the -- this was the son. And then his daddy was Charlie Jackson, too.

DAN: Yeah.

ALVIN: And they all was from Bulloch County?

DAN: I think their home was (inaudible). They was -- that was their home.

ALVIN: Where did they come from? Do you know?

DAN: I think they came from Screven County.

ALVIN: Think they came from Screven? Ok. I got that.

DAN: (inaudible). [00:50:00] (inaudible).

INEZ: She was a Stewart.

DAN: Huh?

ALVIN: Oh, they related to them Stewarts? Mr. George Stewart's wife?

DAN: Well, she dead now.

ALVIN: Marie Stewart. Well, she was a Jackson. Is that related to them?

DAN: Yeah, that was Son -- that was Son Jackson, that was his son.

ALVIN: Oh, so now I know the family you're talking about. This is George Stewart married Marie Jackson.

DAN: And that was her son (inaudible).

INEZ: Marie.

ALVIN: And so Son Jackson had just died. That was his sister. Are there any other of them brothers and sisters still living?

INEZ: There are two of them. Two of the girls, I know.

ALVIN: Now, who are the girls living?

INEZ: One just called, yeah, and -- (inaudible).

DAN: She ain't living. She dead.

ALVIN: Who?

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: The one George married --

INEZ: (inaudible) --

DAN: Uh-huh.
 INEZ: (inaudible) dead, isn't she?
 DAN: Joe. Joe married one -- what was her name?
 ALVIN: Marie. Marie Jackson. She's dead.
 INEZ: (inaudible)
 DAN: Well, (inaudible).
 INEZ: (inaudible)
 DAN: He got one of them.
 INEZ: Yeah, he got one of those girls.
 DAN: Bert.
 INEZ: Bert.
 ALVIN: OK. Now, is she living?
 DAN: Yeah, she's living.
 ALVIN: Where does she live?
 DAN: (inaudible)
 INEZ: (inaudible)
 DAN: Oliver.
 ALVIN: Where?
 DAN: Oliver.
 ALVIN: Oliver, Georgia? Now, what is...? So what is their last name? Lee?
 DAN: (inaudible)
 ALVIN: OK, he's a Lee, though. And he married Bert Jackson. She's a Lee now. Now, is he living, your second cousin?
 DAN: Yeah, he's living.
 ALVIN: Now, what's his name, again?
 DAN: S.J.
 ALVIN: S.J. Lee. Now, who was his daddy?
 DAN: Randall.
 ALVIN: Randall.
 DAN: Yeah.
 ALVIN: So this is Cousin Totie Lee's people.
 INEZ: Yeah.
 DAN: (inaudible)
 INEZ: Totie's brother.
 DAN: Totie is -- Totie is their uncle.
 ALVIN: OK, is --
 DAN: Totie and Randall were brothers.
 ALVIN: OK. So in other words, these is Uncle Mose Jackson -- Uncle Mose Lee's ancestors. OK.
 DAN: Well, you see, Totie --
 INEZ: Tess in the hospital (inaudible)
 ALVIN: How's she doing?
 INEZ: They say she was pretty sick (inaudible).
 DAN: Totie?
 INEZ: We're supposed to go out there to see him.
 DAN: Me and Totie, we... His dad -- his mom and mama are sisters.

ALVIN: OK, Mr. Totie Lee's mother and your mother are sisters. OK, now Mr. Totie Lee's mother's name is?

DAN: Merikee.

ALVIN: Merikee. Merikee Hodge. Merikee Hodge. Mer-... What was her husband name?

DAN: Mose.

ALVIN: Mose. Oh, so Mose Lee married Merikee Hodges.

DAN: We first committed to -- the first cousin on Ma's side, the second on Pa's side.

ALVIN: Wow! Related on both sides. Related on the Lee side --

DAN: Uncle Mose was (inaudible) first cousin.

ALVIN: Uncle Mose and Cousin Jack Lee were first cousins. OK, if they were first cousins, that means Cousin Jack's daddy name was... Would you tell me his daddy...?

DAN: George.

ALVIN: George Lee. And Uncle Mose daddy was named Jackson Lee. So they were brothers. Jackson Lee and George Lee were brothers. That's what I was asking you earlier. And that Jesse Lee and all them, they were related. Ah, see how much I'm learning? (laughter) Cousin Inez, I'm learning a lot of history, aren't I? Y'all --

INEZ: (inaudible)

ALVIN: -- y'all are teaching me good tonight! (laughter)

INEZ: When me and Dan married and Granddaddy George come, and (inaudible) Dan (inaudible).

ALVIN: Oh, yeah.

INEZ: And he wanted Dan to go out there and work on it. Dan, he carried me. He got out there and he said, "Don't y'all want to stay out here? (inaudible)?" (laughter) I ain't say nothin'. And Dan said, "I don't know, Granddaddy. I might. (inaudible) you come out there (inaudible) and we'll see you gets married good, and on the land and do it just like you want to do it." (laughter) (inaudible) "Your granddaddy must be crazy. I ain't going in them woods. (laughter) I ain't going out there in no woods! I'm going to stay inside the road where I can [00:55:00] see somebody coming I ain't going." (laughter)

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Where your granddaddy was living?

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Well, no, who has the place now?

F: (inaudible)

ALVIN: I'm getting all this history.

F: You getting all this history? Anyway, I'm going to bed. (laughter)

ALVIN: No, wait a minute. I'm going to be going in a minute. Now, wait a minute...

F: No, that's OK. (overlapping dialogue; inaudible) --

ALVIN: Wait a minute. I'm so glad to see you again. Mm-hmm!

F: Give me your address! Because I'm looking at a seminary in Dayton, in case I come up that way.

ALVIN: Oh, that's not too far away!

F: I want all the relatives -- I heard seminary you go hungry a lot, so...

ALVIN: Hey, you got that right! Well, if you get to Dayton, let me know. Now, I'm going to give you two addresses. I'm going to give you my one in Freemont, Ohio, Berkshire Avenue, and this is not that far away, so if you come that far, let me know.

Ohio 432... See, 43202, 43... I can't even remember my own -- 419-334-4899. That's my home number. OK, now, my sister Teresa, T-E-R-E-S-A, Jackson, she lives in Columbus, Ohio, which may be just a touch closer. OK, 237 South 18th Street, Columbus -- C-O-L-U -- Columbus, Ohio 43205. OK, 419 -- oops -- 614-253-1893. OK, now, that's her number. My sister -- that's mine -- and then you can find a 334-489-9... This is not right. Four-three-two-oh-five... This would be 432... I don't even know what the ZIP is there, what a shame!

F: (laughter) (inaudible)

ALVIN: You got the phone number.

F: Yeah. Thank you.

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: We live not too far from Dayton. I used to live in Columbus, but now I live in Fremont, Ohio.

DAN: Well, is Dayton (inaudible) Ohio?

ALVIN: Oh, no, Dayton is not too far. It's 45 miles from Cincinnati.

DAN: But if you go (inaudible).

ALVIN: Up toward Detroit.

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Yep. It goes -- when you leave Cincinnati, you keep going, you pass through Dayton. You go on up to Detroit.

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Now, we were saying about Uncle Jordy -- so y'all didn't come out [here on?] the farm? You said the farm wasn't too far from here?

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Who got the place now?

DAN: I don't (inaudible) its white people right now. (inaudible)

ALVIN: Do you know the name of the white people who got it now?

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Hmm. Now --

INEZ: (inaudible)

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: And bought the place.

INEZ: Mm-hmm.

DAN: I know their daddy --

INEZ: (inaudible) come to church (inaudible) --

DAN: -- (inaudible) '85.

INEZ: -- we worked with him, (inaudible) and look at the place, and look at the barn and things sitting there, and we got out there, somebody had been done built them a house down there. And somebody was in the house, so we had to go right by the house (inaudible) go up there and look. It was just a little bit... What are they doing? And some man comes down, "I'm just looking, and if you don't mind me coming in and looking (inaudible)." So he told him, "Go ahead."

ALVIN: Mm-hmm. Yeah.

DAN: (inaudible) Isaiah. You know Isaiah Lee?

ALVIN: Yes. He bought the place one time?

DAN: Yeah, (inaudible). And he bought it on (inaudible). He sure] (inaudible). He sure (inaudible).

ALVIN: It was all their place.

DAN: (inaudible) home --

INEZ: (inaudible)

DAN: That was all (inaudible) home.

INEZ: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Oh, I'm all right.

DAN: No, I --

INEZ: (inaudible) (laughter)

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Mm-hmm. OK. Now, let me ask you this: I know it's way past your bedtime, too. You getting a little sleepy, Cuz?

INEZ: No, I don't go to bed 'til about eleven o'clock.

ALVIN: Well, let me ask you a couple other questions. Now, OK, so George Lee was born during slavery time, wasn't he? Did you ever -- wasn't he a slave?

DAN: Yeah, Georgie was.

ALVIN: Your granddad. Did you ever hear him talk about slavery times?

DAN: Yeah. (inaudible).

ALVIN: You ever remember anything you heard him say?

DAN: (inaudible) World War, (inaudible) Yankee war?

ALVIN: The Civil War, yes.

DAN: Civil War, the Yankees. (inaudible) the Yankees were fighting [01:00:00] (inaudible) slave. Now, Mama -- Mama's mom, (inaudible) like a man, he would work --

INEZ: Like he's sitting over there talking, you couldn't talk.

DAN: He would work all the men, fore they would work, and the womenfolk, they would work in the kitchen, but they wouldn't let 'em... You couldn't -- there'd be talking, but they would have to go out.

ALVIN: When a war was coming on.

DAN: (inaudible) get in the chimney (inaudible).

ALVIN: Mm. Go get in the chimney and listen.

DAN: Yes.

ALVIN: We always had ears to hear, didn't we? (laughter)

INEZ: Thank God he had then! (laughter)

ALVIN: Say what?

INEZ: Thank God he had back there then.

DAN: And that's what made back and then for that war (inaudible) the Yankees. The Yankees (inaudible) -- yeah, they fight (inaudible). (inaudible) everybody all in the country owned the slaves, and they took them and they win the war, the men (inaudible) winning the war, he brought so many people, colored people, (inaudible) colored. Bought them to labor on the farm for him, work for him. He bought you. You were sold just like a car or something. And every colored man, every colored man, they got a white man name, 'cause just like the white man bought me, bought the Lees (inaudible) slavery -- he was a Lee. He was Jackson, he married (inaudible), then (inaudible) Jackson.

ALVIN: Mm-hmm. Mm. Did you ever hear who the white people were that owned any of the Lees, or do you know any of the white people? Did you know any of them who

owned the Hodges? Did you know who the white people were? Did you ever hear of that?

DAN: I know a heap of Hodges and Lee white people. Lee, too.

ALVIN: Do you think their families were the ones that or what...?

DAN: Yeah, they bought some (inaudible).

ALVIN: Now, where do most of the Lees that you know live?

DAN: Some of them down below town.

ALVIN: Mm-hmm. And then the Hodges, they live...

DAN: Well, some of the Hodges live right across the (inaudible) there.

ALVIN: They live --

DAN: (inaudible) way down (inaudible).

ALVIN: Mm-hmm. They probably from some of the same families, you think?

DAN: Huh?

ALVIN: They may be from some of those same families.

DAN: Yeah, yeah. Yeah, they (inaudible). They were in slavery, you see, and they bought -- if you want a good fellow, they bought him, and they went in their name.

INEZ: Grandma said they had... Tag them blue handkerchief and red handkerchief. (laughter)

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Your grandmother said they had what now?

INEZ: Had handkerchief, handkerchief. You know red handkerchief -- like the men (inaudible) buy and the blue?

ALVIN: Yes.

INEZ: They had them pinned on.

ALVIN: What was that for?

INEZ: They was buying and sell. You was for sale.

ALVIN: Oh, they would put a handkerchief on you, whoever would buy who.

INEZ: Or anybody. (laughter) Anybody colored.

ALVIN: Mm. And they'd tag 'em.

INEZ: Yeah, and put 'em in car boxes, yeah.

ALVIN: Is that what your grandmother said? Mm. Now --

INEZ: (inaudible) we couldn't talk. They'd be buying (inaudible).

ALVIN: Mm.

INEZ: And then in the mornings they had to get up. I don't see how in the world they do it. They had to get up and go up there and (inaudible) some breakfast, and wash that woman and put her clothes on her. I said, oh, Lord! (laughter)

ALVIN: Mm. Had to go and wash this white woman.

INEZ: Yeah, put her clothes on.

ALVIN: Mm.

DAN: Well, you take this here. That ain't -- that ain't our home (inaudible).

ALVIN: Where is that, you mean?

DAN: It was like (inaudible) in the --

INEZ: Born in Africa.

DAN: -- (inaudible) [01:05:00] after their home, then our home. And the right people, that ain't their home. They're the Yankees.

INEZ: (inaudible)

DAN: India.

ALVIN: India.

DAN: That's their home.

INEZ: Indian's home.

ALVIN: They'd originated from here.

DAN: They took it. They took the home.

ALVIN: They're always taking something, aren't they? (laughter) They never get enough, do they? You say they're greedy?

INEZ: Huh?

ALVIN: They're greedy people, huh?

INEZ: Yeah.

ALVIN: Want everything for themselves.

INEZ: Yeah.

ALVIN: Don't want you to have anything.

INEZ: Well, they still, some of them (inaudible) they don't want you to have nothing. Don't want a nigger to have -- not no money if they can help it. They can't help themselves.

ALVIN: Well, if they could, they sure enough would keep you from gettin' it.

INEZ: They're trying hard.

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: (inaudible) that nanny.

DAN: Where (inaudible), they go down (inaudible) they used to be, but these days now (inaudible) these days now, (inaudible) they are (inaudible).

INEZ: (inaudible) last night (inaudible).

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: They had on the TV last night, said Sylvania and Bulloch County the worst places to live.

DAN: Used to be.

INEZ: No, they said that last night.

DAN: No, they used to be.

ALVIN: They --

INEZ: They're bad.

ALVIN: Bad for what?

INEZ: Mississippi's bad for (inaudible).

DAN: (inaudible) the biggest -- as big as it is now, coloreds here now, they make things hard for their own selves.

INEZ: (inaudible)

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: That man said that last night.

DAN: [I don't know what they said?] (inaudible) you deal with 'em.

INEZ: I know how to... I know how to do it.

DAN: You can deal with 'em, they white people. What I been doing all my days at all, and they know me and I know them. (inaudible) recognize now (inaudible) more than my own cousins (inaudible) all of it right now.

INEZ: (inaudible)

DAN: (inaudible). You got (inaudible). (inaudible).

ALVIN: But it wasn't like that a long time ago.

DAN: No, it wasn't like that a long time ago.

ALVIN: When you was coming, there was no opportunities much, huh?

DAN: No.

INEZ: No, (inaudible) white people, they thought a nigger was too good, and white woman, look at a white woman, they won't even look at that white woman, and white men. (laughter)

ALVIN: And the white men was looking at the black women.

INEZ: Yeah.

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: (inaudible)

DAN: (inaudible) you could (inaudible) whether (inaudible). You worked there (inaudible), you walk by a white woman, you have to tip your hat at her.

ALVIN: When you walked by a white woman, you have to tip your hat?

DAN: You're going to tip your hat. Somebody get a beating that night. (laughter)

ALVIN: Have mercy. Well, they've done enough dirt, I'd say.

DAN: Now, I'm going to tell you -- I'm going to tell you one thing about Cousin Peter. They come from a long ways.

ALVIN: Lord have mercy.

INEZ: They come from a long ways away, (inaudible) come back (inaudible).

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: [Get old] -- got to get that old president in there.

DAN: I don't care who (inaudible) --

INEZ: So you all need to talk about all the children. You never say enough about the black. He say all the children.

DAN: (inaudible) the one (inaudible) say what they want, but (inaudible) --

INEZ: I know (inaudible) they can't (inaudible) a little (inaudible).

DAN: (inaudible) white people, they don't (inaudible). Then white people, they're fighting (inaudible) colored (inaudible).

ALVIN: White people will fight each other, you say?

DAN: Yeah, they will, too. Yes, sir. (inaudible).

ALVIN: They don't have any loyalty or allegiance to anybody, huh?

DAN: No, (inaudible). And it'll be a war, (inaudible) be a war (inaudible) what happened back then (inaudible). (inaudible) be like that, [01:10:00] won't get like that way (inaudible).

ALVIN: Mm. You think the black man will ever get any power in this country?

DAN: Hmm?

ALVIN: You think the black man will ever get any power in this country? Meaning owning properties and stores and businesses? Don't seem like we see too many African Americans or blacks owning businesses here in Bulloch County.

DAN: (inaudible) they about as high as they can go.

INEZ: You never know which ones will come back (inaudible).

DAN: (inaudible) you --

INEZ: There's so many Mexicans.

ALVIN: There are a lot of Mexicans here now?

INEZ: Yeah.

ALVIN: They come here and do all the work that we used to do, huh?

INEZ: Come here and work, do all that work for cheap. (inaudible).

ALVIN: They work hard, huh?

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: And they grabbing at 'em, too.

ALVIN: 'Cause why? Because they can get cheap labor. That's what the name of the game. Black people were used for cheap labor, and when we no longer want to be used for cheap labor, then they go get other cheap labor.

DAN: (inaudible) you could cuss back and talk back (inaudible) couldn't you. He'd say something big at you. They can't do it. You can talk, call them anything they call you, (inaudible).

ALVIN: Well, that's why he's going to get the Mexicans, 'cause he can't do it anymore, huh? (laughter) You see that pattern? You told me you used to work for 75 cents a day. Now you're not working for 75 cents, so now he's looking for someone else to work for 75 cents.

INEZ: They come in and they work.

ALVIN: You see that?

DAN: Yeah.

ALVIN: So that's an interesting pattern. And the other interesting pattern, when you look at the white man, he takes everything. When he came to this country, the Indians said, "You can live here, here, here." What did he do? He take it all from the Indians. And so to me, from what I see, seem like they don't ever seem to get enough. I mean, that's a general statement. I don't want to say that all whites are like that, but when you look at the country, look at anywhere in the world where the white man will go, and they take, take, take, take. And so my thing is, we need to start thinking more for ourselves as a people. Black people have lost a lot of land in this Bulloch County. We used to have a lot of land here.

DAN: Yeah.

INEZ: That's right.

ALVIN: We don't have it anymore.

INEZ: And one woman on the news come Sunday morning, (inaudible) morning. Every Sunday morning (inaudible) come in (inaudible) lost the land (inaudible), and they took it. Trying to get it back.

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Yeah. Now, let me ask you two things: did -- when is the first time you ever voted? You remember that? What year was that?

DAN: It was a long time ago.

ALVIN: What year was it?

INEZ: Well, (inaudible) vote -- the first time you all voted was in the '30s wasn't it? Somewhere in the '30s.

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: (inaudible) when the whatchacallit -- what was that man's name? Carter?

DAN: Carter.

INEZ: Was it Carter?

DAN: (inaudible) before Carter.

INEZ: He was the one (inaudible).

ALVIN: Did y'all vote when Roosevelt was president?
DAN: Uh-uh.
ALVIN: Y'all weren't voting back then. Did y'all vote when Truman was president?
DAN: (inaudible)
ALVIN: Truman or Eisenhower.
DAN: (inaudible)
ALVIN: Mm-hmm. Now, long time ago did you ever know that they try to keep blacks from voting?
INEZ: Well, yeah --
DAN: (inaudible)
INEZ: They couldn't. They weren't allowed in the booth, and they --
ALVIN: They wouldn't allow you in the booth?
DAN: No, no, no, no.
ALVIN: If you tried to vote, what would they do?
DAN: You couldn't do it. (inaudible). (inaudible) you couldn't.
ALVIN: You couldn't vote.
INEZ: I told you (inaudible) Carter, (inaudible) and get civil rights.
ALVIN: Mm-hmm. Now, do you remember when the Ku Klux Klan came up to Willow Hill and burned that cross? You ever heard about that?
INEZ: Yes.
ALVIN: Huh?
INEZ: Yes.
ALVIN: Were you up there that night?
INEZ: (inaudible)
ALVIN: Did you remember that, ma'am?
INEZ: (inaudible)
DAN: (inaudible)
ALVIN: Yeah, they burned --
INEZ: Yeah, got to Willow Hill and they burned right off from the white folks' schoolhouse.
ALVIN: Up near Portal?
INEZ: Yeah.
ALVIN: Why did they burn a cross up at the white folks' schoolhouse?
INEZ: (inaudible)
ALVIN: What was that all about?
INEZ: About (inaudible).
ALVIN: Was that during the same time they burned it up at Willow Hill?
INEZ: Yeah.
ALVIN: So they burned two crosses here, huh? Now --
INEZ: It was more than two, wasn't it?
DAN: (inaudible)
INEZ: Didn't they put a cross [01:15:00] and a casket or something over there at Mr. Mann's house, at the house or down below the house?
DAN: (inaudible)
ALVIN: They put a cross on his porch?
DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: A little casket?

INEZ: Little casket.

ALVIN: So they was trying to scare people. Now, that was in 1946 when that happened. So blacks weren't even voting before then, so it was about 1946, before they --

INEZ: It was somewhere in there.

ALVIN: -- when they got a chance to vote, because... That's why they was burning the crosses, 'cause they was trying to keep them from voting. And I think Cousin Mann Hall was organizing a voting campaign --

DAN: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

ALVIN: -- up at Willow Hill School, and that's why they came up to the school, to burn the cross.

INEZ: (inaudible)

DAN: (inaudible) come to his house too. They burned at his house.

ALVIN: Yes. He was organizing. He was a community organizer.

INEZ: Then they put tools, lot of his tools there. Wasn't it there? They put it there (inaudible). Wasn't it a white folks school, and the other one was back up there on the other side of the school house. There was two of 'em somewhere.

ALVIN: OK. Keep talking. I'm just going to crack this door. One second.

INEZ: Up somewhere.

ALVIN: Now, so did you -- were the people very afraid at that time when they burned the cross? Was there a lot of -- were the black people afraid?

INEZ: They didn't know what it was all about. (laughter)

ALVIN: A lot of 'em didn't know what it was about?

INEZ: Yeah. And some of 'em (inaudible).

ALVIN: Mm-hmm. Do you remember any -- do you know any of the people that was up at Willow Hill when they burned the cross?

DAN: Uh-uh. I know I wasn't there.

ALVIN: OK.

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: You knew the people who were there?

INEZ: (inaudible) nobody gonna be there, then they burn -- put -- burned it up there. They was burning the cross, and then they was in Portal, (inaudible) cross (inaudible) school.

ALVIN: Mm-hmm.

INEZ: They put it where you could see it.

ALVIN: Mm-hmm. Did you know who any of the Ku Klux Klan were at that time? Do you know any of them?

INEZ: What they say they were.

ALVIN: Who do you -- who did they say they were?

INEZ: They were people, white people.

ALVIN: Who were they? You know any of the names?

INEZ: (inaudible) Mr. Rupert Parish, and... There was three or four.

ALVIN: Can you remember any other names?

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: (inaudible)

DAN: (inaudible) a heap of them you didn't know (inaudible).

INEZ: We didn't know who they were.

ALVIN: OK, but who were the ones that you did know, though? The Marrs? Rupert --

INEZ: Parish.

ALVIN: -- Parish. Anybody else?

INEZ: Roberts.

ALVIN: The Roberts? What was their first name?

INEZ: Floyd.

ALVIN: Floyd and his brothers? OK. Did you know if John Paul Ellis and his brother was in that?

INEZ: I think --

DAN: He might've been.

INEZ: They might've been in it. You never did know, and the only way you find it out is you would -- someone would get to talking, and they would say, you know, he was one of them.

ALVIN: Now, y'all would -- did the white women talk about that? Or how did y'all learn about it? Just through --

INEZ: The white men didn't talk.

ALVIN: They didn't talk?

INEZ: They didn't talk.

ALVIN: Mm. So we went through a lot of stuff with the Klan and all that. Now, did -- the other story I wanted to ask you about: did you ever hear of the story of Will and Cato, where they burned these people here in Bulloch County? That was about 1906. They burned them at the stake for -- they killed the Hodges family. They was these two people, Will and Cato, was hunting or something, and they came on this house, and they had this little girl who said that she would give them a nickel if she didn't kill 'em, and... Did y'all ever hear that story?

INEZ: I heard them talk about it, but I never did get to the straight of it, but I know there was one... What was his name? He was... I believe they said it was little Mr. Hiram. Hodge (inaudible) Mr. Hiram Bonnet people. And (inaudible) put them (inaudible). They got that man and beat him, and got him out there in the woods and beat him, and beat him with a saw.

ALVIN: Who beat the man? Mr. Hiram Bonnet?

INEZ: No, his brother.

ALVIN: His brother?

INEZ: Yeah.

ALVIN: Beat a black man?

INEZ: Yeah.

ALVIN: Who was the black man?

INEZ: I don't know.

ALVIN: Well, what was they beating him for?

INEZ: I don't -- I never -- I forgot now what they... I don't know nothing about it no more, [01:20:00] but they...

DAN: Well, (inaudible).

ALVIN: Uh-huh.

DAN: Burned.

ALVIN: Burned 'em, mm-hmm.

DAN: You know where it was?
 ALVIN: I don't know where it was.
 INEZ: What that -- what that man's name that --
 ALVIN: Do you know where it was?
 INEZ: What the... One of 'em used to be a -- wasn't he a...? He was the -- what was the name?
 DAN: I can't -- I hardly can.
 INEZ: (inaudible)
 DAN: Yes, (inaudible).
 INEZ: Yeah, that's what he said.
 DAN: (inaudible). And see, their house (inaudible), their house (inaudible), too, (inaudible).
 ALVIN: Mm. Who was the white man?
 DAN: (inaudible)
 INEZ: We called him Barker.
 DAN: (inaudible)
 ALVIN: His name was Barker?
 INEZ: That's what we called him.
 DAN: That wasn't (inaudible).
 ALVIN: Was his last name Barker?
 INEZ: Mm-hmm.
 ALVIN: And you don't know what his first name was?
 INEZ: Uh-uh.
 ALVIN: Was he an old man?
 DAN: (inaudible)
 INEZ: Yes. He was an old man. He was (inaudible) [first?].
 DAN: He saved their house (inaudible).
 ALVIN: So he --
 DAN: Well, I can about not tell you how back, how far back it was.
 ALVIN: It was in 1906 or so.
 DAN: But he (inaudible) Co-Cola plant.
 ALVIN: The Co-Cola plant.
 DAN: Coming out of town, coming up...
 ALVIN: I don't know where that is. I can find it, though.
 INEZ: It's right on the highway.
 DAN: (inaudible)
 ALVIN: It's on Highway 80?
 DAN: Yeah, (inaudible).
 ALVIN: Is it past the stockyard?
 DAN: Yeah, when you come back from the stockyard --
 ALVIN: Yes.
 DAN: -- (inaudible) on this side.
 ALVIN: Coming toward Portal, you pass a stockyard, and you... OK.
 DAN: It's, like, back over in them woods there.
 ALVIN: Is that where it happened?
 DAN: (inaudible) coming to the left, to the right, (inaudible).

ALVIN: Mm. That's a lot of history back there. Now, that's turpentine you use, right?

INEZ: (inaudible)

ALVIN: That was -- my grandmother -- the reason I said that -- my grandmother used to get some castor oil and some turpentine. Ooh, just the thought of it makes me want to scream! (laughter) And every year -- we didn't have to be sick -- she'd make us drink it. And I used to hate that time of the year. And so whenever she -- I see her getting ready, I'd be hid, I'd go work, anything. (laughter) But she'd find us.

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Did y'all do that, too?

DAN: Mama (inaudible)

INEZ: Mama did it to us.

DAN: (inaudible) she was a doctor, (inaudible) doctor.

INEZ: (inaudible) no doctor.

DAN: Y'all didn't go to any doctors?

INEZ: (inaudible)

DAN: She would get a sack (inaudible) sack and go in the woods, and she know them woods well, and she would (inaudible) get a little sack, and she would make tea out of it, come back and get a big bottle of (inaudible) one of them (inaudible) that night, take it that night, and that morning wake up before -- we couldn't eat there.

INEZ: (inaudible)

DAN: Yeah, the Catimer, (inaudible) Catimer.

INEZ: That night.

DAN: That night.

ALVIN: Mm. What is Catimer? Some kind of tea?

INEZ: No, it's a pill. It's paint.

ALVIN: So they give you a pill.

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Oh --

INEZ: (inaudible) just like a pill.

DAN: It's like a soda, just like baking soda. (inaudible) that morning. You couldn't eat, now. Couldn't get nothing to eat, (inaudible) heat that all, take a big dose.

ALVIN: Oh, they would heat it. That would make it taste worse.

DAN: Yeah. (laughter)

ALVIN: Why would they heat it?

INEZ: (inaudible)

DAN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Oh, Lord. I'd say please give me mine cold, don't heat it. (laughter)

DAN: (inaudible) even working.

INEZ: I think --

DAN: Every winter -- that happened every winter, too.

ALVIN: Every winter.

INEZ: [01:25:00] I'd rather take -- I'd rather take --

DAN: Before winter come --

INEZ: -- an oil and take Epsom salt.

ALVIN: Ooh, Epsom salt.

DAN: (inaudible) they didn't have no cold.

ALVIN: Mm.

INEZ: And turn it up (inaudible). Dan had a bad cold. (inaudible) couldn't get it to come up (inaudible). I put on the (inaudible). I wouldn't drink that nasty old (inaudible) for nothing. (laughter) I got it on me, and you will put it on you if you get where you like I is. I ain't gonna do it. Ms. Ryan there, Daddy got that cold, (inaudible) be coughing (inaudible) just coughing]. Coming in at night, "I know where that (inaudible) shirt you had!" (laughter) I said, "What you gonna do with it?" "I'm gonna put it on me!" "No, you said you wasn't gonna put it on you." Oh, man, (inaudible).

ALVIN: Mm. So y'all didn't go to the doctor much.

DAN: Oh, no.

ALVIN: Who were the doctors around here, other than Dr. Stewart?

DAN: He ain't there now.

ALVIN: Who were some of the other doctors way back then when y'all was coming up?

INEZ: Dr. --

DAN: Bowings.

ALVIN: Dr. who? Bowings?

DAN: Mm-hmm.

ALVIN: He was up in Portal?

DAN: (inaudible). Dr. Miller.

ALVIN: Dr. Miller. I remember him, Dr. Clifford Miller.

DAN: And Dr. Woods.

ALVIN: Dr. Woods.

INEZ: Dr. Allman.

ALVIN: Dr. Allman. I remember my grandmother talking about him.

INEZ: Yeah.

ALVIN: Now, when ladies had babies, they had them in the house, huh?

DAN: Yeah.

ALVIN: Now, they didn't have doctors come. They had midwives.

INEZ: They had midwives.

ALVIN: Who were --

DAN: (inaudible) Dr. Woods.

INEZ: We had Dr. Woods.

ALVIN: But the doctor came to your house?

INEZ: Yeah.

ALVIN: Now, who were the midwives that you knew about here?

INEZ: Here?

ALVIN: In Bulloch County.

INEZ: My grandmother, my Aunt Nolie was just as good as any ever put her hands on.

ALVIN: Ms. Nolie was a midwife?

INEZ: Mm-hmm.

ALVIN: And your grandmother, Ms. Nolie's mother? OK.

DAN: (inaudible) Nolie, I -- there was two, or three of our children had the doctor here (inaudible) --

INEZ: (inaudible)

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: Yeah, and Lloyd --

DAN: Dr. Boyd and Moe, Dr. Miller --

INEZ: And Solomon.

DAN: Solomon and Jerry. And all the rest of 'em, Ms. Nolie, her grandma (inaudible).

ALVIN: Mm. Did y'all know any other womens in Bulloch County who were midwives, other than them?

INEZ: Ms. Cooper was one, and also (inaudible). And also --

DAN: (inaudible)

INEZ: -- (inaudible) Mrs. Georgianne Moore.

ALVIN: Mm-hmm. Can you think of any other ones?

INEZ: And my... what was that woman's name? (inaudible) -- I don't know. I can't think of her name. (inaudible) Cooper Boyd Mary's wife (inaudible).

ALVIN: Cooper Boyd Mary and his wife. I don't know who that is.

INEZ: I mean his mom. I believe it was his mom, wasn't it? Didn't she wait on me?

DAN: Huh?

INEZ: (inaudible) wait one me?

DAN: Oh, I know, a heap of them.

ALVIN: So there was a lot of 'em.

DAN: -- (inaudible).

INEZ: I couldn't stand it. And (inaudible). You know Liza Bell?

ALVIN: No.

INEZ: You don't know her? Don't know her.

ALVIN: Mm. Oh, I know one last thing I wanted to ask you. Did y'all remember the train that used to come by? The train that used to come from Statesboro to Portal? Do you remember that? Used to stop up at Blandsboro in front of my gran's place? Did y'all ever ride that train?

INEZ: I used it.

ALVIN: How much it cost to ride it?

INEZ: I forgot now.

ALVIN: But you did ride it. Was that fun riding it?

INEZ: No, well... (laughter)

ALVIN: Was it rocking?

INEZ: Rocking jack. It was rocking jack. (laughter)

ALVIN: Listen, I tell you, I done kept y'all up. You know what time it is? It's 10 minutes to 12:00. Well, this was fun, wasn't it?

DAN: Yeah.

ALVIN: [01:30:00] This was fun. I got over two hours of tape, and so now y'all will be part of this -- these history, 'cause I'm going to use this history, and I'm going to make sure that eventually it gets down in the library in Statesboro so we can record African American history. Now y'all are going to be a part of it. Y'all have been able to tell the story. I really enjoy -- you know what? The next time I come back I'm going to come and talk to y'all, 'cause y'all know a lot. Y'all know a lot. And there are not too many couples still left. I really have enjoyed this evening. It has been my pleasure. (laughter)

DAN: You got that?

ALVIN: Oh, yes, I got all this taped. The whole conversation, ever since we've been here. Everything is taped. And I got it. It's going to be a part of history, Cousin Dan.

DAN: Sure.

ALVIN: And when I...

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