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Er, (Franklin speaks)

And the next (non-transcribed statement) was Betty Lou, she married a Hill.

Willard Hill

(Evelyn speaks)

Did-Now, Dewitt that's you?

(Franklin speaks)

And Dewitt Dobson, Franklin Dewitt Dobson is me

(Evelyn speaks)

I see

(Franklin speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Alright

(Franklin continues)

Yea, that's all I know, that's all of the youngins

(Evelyn speaks)

Ah-

(Franklin speaks)

They had a lot of youngins

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, but where do you fall in that? Did you give them an (non-transcribed noun). Of the (non-transcribed noun), are you near the park? Or the (non-transcribed noun)

(Franklin speaks)

No, I was now in ah- uh see that's was about. Let's see Ernest, and ah-Betty, and then there was John (non-transcribed last name) who, which he passed when he was a baby, and then there was Betty Lou, and then there was me, Franklin Dewitt Dobson

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, you are near the park. Alright, let's go back and tell me, as you best you can remembrance of your parents did they talk, or talk at all about their parents, they raised; your grandparents?

(Franklin speaks)

No, well you see, my grandparents on both sides, on my daddy's side, I never did see either one of them, I never did see; my daddy had two brothers but they had passed before I got up, big enough to even see them.

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

And my mother, well, uh-I never did see any of her people

(Evelyn speaks)

Oh, who were your father's parents?

(Franklin speaks)

Uh-David Dobson, and Martha James Dobson, was my daddy's parents. That was his mama and daddy

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

And uh-I don't even know the, my mother's was ah-, mother's name. I don't even know

(Evelyn speaks)

You don't know who she is?

(Franklin speaks)

Don't even know

(Evelyn speaks)

Where did your grandparents come from? Where did they live?

(Franklin speaks)

I never did hear them say. I don't know, but they-they, this old house right down there behind where I'm at right now. That's where they lived, now where they come from before the old house was I don't know

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, do you know anything about your mother's parents? Where they come from?

(Franklin speaks)

Well, no my mother was raised over here across the river. And to be honest with you a white woman was her mother. And ah-she had one brother, ah-which was ah- he was a Tucker, that's all I know

(Evelyn speaks)

But you don't remember her daddy?

(Franklin speaks)

No, no

(Evelyn speaks)

Who her daddy was

(Franklin speaks)

I don't know

(Evelyn speaks)

Did she live with her mother? *<very faint following question>*

(Franklin speaks)

Yeah, she stayed with her ma, until her and my daddy married. He grew up that way, he got a farm with her, and they married.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm, hmm, yeah, but who ah-you don't remember the mother's name?

(Franklin speaks)

No I don't, I never did get to recall her, because she had passed you know when?

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Franklin speaks)

And they never did called her mother's name

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh, uh-let me ask, let's just go back to your childhood, and tell us about how you grew up and what your parents did for a living.

(Franklin speaks)

Well, ah-when I got big enough to know anything. My daddy farmed, and he raised tobacco, com, and garden stuff like that. And that's how we lived

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

And daddy he raised two hogs every year and we had plenty of cows, we had plenty of milk and butter

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

And plenty of stuff to eat, as (non-transcribed statement) it was

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

It wasn't the finest food. but we could get full off of it

(Evelyn speaks)

Right

(Franklin speaks)

And we lived, I was raised in that old little house right straight right-

(Evelyn speaks)

Behind it-

(Franklin speaks)

There on behind it. So ah-he farmed the only thing, you know? Now he worked, well he farmed and worked over at WPA in Dobson

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

Walked back and forth all the way to Dobson

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

He didn't have no transportation

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

Said he worked, I know he'd tell his youngins sometimes sitting around the fireplace he worked a many day for fifty cents, said he'd <speaks to someone in the interview>

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, let's go back to uh-you were telling about how he lived, and the family had raised tobacco-

(Franklin speaks)

Raised tobacco, and com and-and two hogs, that's what we eat for meat in the Winter time, we had plenty of milk and butter

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

And stuff like that, beans, we'd go out in the field pick peas, (non-transcribed verb) them up, then they'd spread out blankets, and moist wind come. They'd hold, throw them peas out and blow the shaft out, and we'd, and that's what we'd eat throughout the Winter

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

I mean times were hard back then

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, yup

(Franklin speaks)

And ah-but we ah-lived in a old house down there, and sometimes wind snowing sometimes some would flow in through a crack in; upstairs. We had plenty of food back then, but we survived

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, how many rooms did you have in the house?

(Franklin speaks)

We had ah-let's see the living room downstairs, and a bedroom and a bath. Kitchen and dining room just had a upstairs was just over all us youngins, just slept all upstairs just-

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

You know just different beds

(Evelyn speaks)

Right! How did your father acquire the land that he got?

(Franklin speaks)

He inherited it from his mother. My grandmother she- her and her husband Dave, bought the land. I remember reading the old deed, when they bought the land, it was a dollar and half acre. It's on the old deed. And then when they passed, it come right on down to my daddy, and ah- well when my mama and daddy passed; he always told us he wanted all the youngins to share, and share on out on the land, and when it becomes an urge to sell, sell it out to one another. And I, I bought it all out from one brother, Richard over on the back, and he passed now. And ah-so he kept his part, but then on last he let some people have part of his to help look after him

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Franklin speaks)

You know and carrying him back and forth, and things like that

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

They live on, Ike and Dorothy live on a piece of land that he gave him to, to carry him back and forth and help look after them. They really did a good job to helping look after him in his old age

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, alright!

(Franklin speaks)

That was Richard

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, let me ask you about the eleven children, were they all at home at one time or-?

(Franklin speaks)

Let's see, yeah. I can say it's down, its first it was, about every year, or every two years, it was a youngin born. Well, maybe say, down so many like, Martha Jane, James, and ah-Maggie, and Calvin. And then they just come on down, all of them

was home until Martha Jane, and James married you know, and then they started moving out

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

And I don't even remember when my older sister and moved out, I was right at small you know

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Franklin speaks)

And that's the way they ah-

(Evelyn speaks)

As they moved-ah, married and got older, they moved out

(Franklin speaks)

That's right, that's right

(Evelyn speaks)

Tell me about the school, your early school days

(Franklin speaks)

Well I remember when I was about 7 years old, when they built the school house

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

And I was a little boy use to take a hammer and nails, and go around out there and picking up nails if they dropped. Make an old sledge and pull it around. And it end up going, well when they first when we got this schoolhouse, it was a school house on down the road or yonder, and it burned down. They when they from when the other school house burnt down, then we moved from there, a little later on we started having school a while in the church

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, in this same church, that's there?

(Franklin speaks)

No, no, this is a different church. The other church is sitting another way, and then they built a new one. And in the old church, we had up there, we used to have school there. And I can remember as far as ah- , now Mrs. Marilyn, she was a school teacher, that used to teach up here in the church. And then it come down from Mrs. Marilyn to Mrs. (non-transcribed name) ah-up here and then it came down to ah-Mrs. Louise Ellis, she used to teach, and then after Mrs. Ellis Ah there was Mrs. Thadie Phillips, she lived (non-transcribed statement), ah-she started teaching at this little schoolhouse right out here, ah-Mrs. Thadie and Mrs. Ellis teached right here, in this new school house

(Evelyn speaks)

Were there two teachers at one time?

(Franklin speaks)

No,no

(Evelyn speaks)

Just one-one teacher?

(Franklin speaks)

No, just one teacher at a time, and she'd have ah- well the school went up to the 8th grade and then she'd have different classes, she'd have the first grade, then (non-transcribed statement) you know, farmed and (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

And you know different things like that. And then it'd go from the 1st grade to the 2nd grade, 3rd all the way up to the 8th grade

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

And then she'd teach class at the time, and that's the way she did it

(Evelyn speaks)

Did-now where did that get the money to run a school? Do you know?

(Franklin speaks)

Well, ah-I well the teachers I guess, the county had to-you know the county paid them

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin continues)

And ah-she'd come up here, the teachers would come up here, and go down there, and they'd load up a bring a big bunch of books in the car, and she'd bring them up to the school house, and then we had some people coming out of Dobson. And then they'd have some (non-transcribed statement) and they (non-transcribed statement) on the back of the pick up (non-transcribed statement) at different times

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

And that's just the way it came on up

(Evelyn speaks)

How far did you go in school?

(Franklin speaks)

I went to the ah-⁷th grade, I passed the 8th grade. And it was two of us going into 7th grade, and ah-so it wasn't gone be but me in the 8th grade, so I told the teacher, just let me go back through the 7th so I would have someone to be in the 8th grade with, so I went to the 7th grade twice and then the next year I went about halfway through the 8th grade, and I was the onliest youngin at the house to plow so I had to quit about the middle of 8th grade

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh, alright!

(Franklin speaks)

I never did get past the 8th grade

(Evelyn speaks)

Tell me about lunch at school

(Franklin speaks)

The way the lunch was, ah-our mothers, all the youngins mother would pack them a lunch, and we had a table, a little table back there in the comer everybody would put our lunch on. And everybody's mother would fix they lunch, and then when it was lunchtime, we'd go get our lunch. And then whatever time it was, my brothers and sisters would be going in, I know me and my brother, and then two of my brothers. Me and Leroy, and Harvey Jr, and we'd go in at the same time, and then there was Richard ah- and we'd get our lunch and we'd sit it down, and everybody would get them a sandwich or whatever, and we'd sit down there and eat

(Evelyn speaks)

And what did you usually have for lunch

(Franklin speaks)

Well it would be a piece of meat and bread, maybe a molasses biscuit. Sometimes we would have peanut butter and crackers

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

And sometimes we made like a cowboy, we would have a little bowl of beans

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

You know have a little bowl of beans, just different things like that, well we had plenty of help for school, we had plenty of help, but (non-transcribed statement). But we'd carry mostly a sandwich and-and sometimes pinto beans, we'd have a little bowl of them. And a regular little (non-transcribed statement) of ah-biscuit you know?

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

and peanut butter, every once a while we'd have peanut butter and crackers. Most of the time we had biscuits, you know that my mother made

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Franklin speaks)

And she'd put fried meat in it, a piece of ham, a piece of (non-transcribed noun)

(Evelyn speaks)

And what did you drink for wa-what did you drink with your meal?

(Franklin speaks)

We'd have water

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh, and what kind of water

(Franklin speaks)

Oh we just had water at the school; we had a spring down here. We kept-we had to keep that spring cleaned out we'd go down there and get water and bring it up there, and we'd have water

(non-transcribed statement). You know we'd get water right there at the school to drink. We didn't have no running water

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

It was just a plain bucket and a (non-transcribed noun), and dip out water with a cup

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

And everybody brought them a cup, and you know?

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Franklin speaks)

We'd drink water out a cup, and you know drink water

(Evelyn speaks)

So you didn't have inside plumbing either,

(Franklin speaks)

No

(Evelyn speaks)

So your toilets were outside?

(Franklin speaks)

No, toilets was down on the fields. Down on the left side, there was a boy's toilet. And over down about fifty feet between the toilets, ah- they built, well there were two toilets

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin continues)

It was a one for the girls on this side, and one for the boys on that side

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

And that's what it was

(Evelyn speaks)

And so the activities were just sometimes playing ball and-

(Franklin speaks)

Well ah-what we'd do on our workout after we'd eaten on our longest break we'd go out there and we'd have us a little baseball game. We'd have a team on this side, and a team on that side, and we'd play baseball, when we'd get done get this team out, then they'd go to the field, then we'd come out to bat, then they'd get us out, and we'd do that until the teacher ring the bell, time to go back to school

(Evelyn speaks)

Did the girls play ball?

(Franklin speaks)

Yeah they played. They'd be mix right up, same age as, some of the girls be on the team with the boys on both sides

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, mmm-hmm, Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

Yeah that's the way we did. And then sometimes they'd play hop scotch, and the boys would get right back in there with them

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

Playing hopie scotch, and then just-just different things. Sometimes we played tag

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

Or hide and go seek. Sometimes we would go and hide, you know just-just one thing after another, that's all we had to do. Sometimes we'd play tag or hide and go seek, we'd go and count, then we'd go and hide. You know just-just one thing right after another, that's all we had to do. You know back then, nobody didn't have what the youngins have now, no bicycles or no kind of nothing like that. Us boys, we'd get out, we'd get out of school and want to play, we'd get an old tire we go up and down the road beating an old rubber tire

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

Running and old, now youngins, one youngin got more than a whole family like we-

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

They got one youngin out here that got more than our whole family. We'd get up on Christmas there would be an old shoe there, and a few pieces of tomato, 3 or 4 nuts, a few pieces of candy when I was young, and we were just tickled to death with it

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

I mean we was tickled to death, no Christmas tree

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh, uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

No nothing, that was it

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Franklin speaks)

And it just tickled us the same as it was (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

I would have to agree with you there. Ah- tell me about when, did you leave home at any point before marriage?

(Franklin speaks)

No

(Evelyn speaks)

You stayed in this area?

(Franklin speaks)

I stayed right down there in a little house with mama and daddy until I got married. And when I left home, well ah-I was in Crab Hill well for maybe about eighteen months.

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

I left Crab Hill, I couldn't get no job, wasn't making no money so I left here

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

I went up in Virginia, King City, Virginia, and (non-transcribed statement) I stayed up there two years and farmed, I left there and went to D.C. I stayed up there seventeen years in D.C, and I come back bought me house, down in Little Richmond. I bought me a house, and I stayed down there until I come up here and settled where I was raised. See I was raised here

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, but you first set up here in this house? Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

Yeah, I bought this trailer no sooner as my place I had down in Little Richmond, that's after I come back from Washington, D.C

(Evelyn speaks)

I didn't ask you in the beginning, but I'm going to ask you now. Give me your age now and your birthday

(Franklin speaks)

My age is ah-sixty-seven years old, I was born the first on the 25th of thirty-three

(Evelyn speaks)

I'm sorry, September?

(Franklin speaks)

I was born the first month which is January, the first and the 25th, the year-the year of thirty-three

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, alright

(Franklin speaks)

Yeah

(Evelyn speaks)

Alright! Very good. Ok ah-did you serve in any branch of the military?

(Franklin speaks)

Ah-well you see, I had five brothers in the service at one time. And they called me, I went to be examined. And I went with ah-way on down in Charlotte to be examined, and I passed. Say you got, the man told me say you got 7 days back at home. Ok, so I come home and told my mama and daddy what they said. And the said well you hardly young the only boy we have to work, we can't get rid of you. So we got in the car, and went to Dobson down there, and talked to lawyer Shank Freeman. He fixed a letter up for my mama, and daddy. They told him this only boy we got, we got all these other boys to serve, we need him home to work. So my daddy, you know he was a small man; he was only about that high. So lawyer Shank Freeman, he turned out to be judge, he filled out a paper, and sent it in. And ah-he said if you don't hear from them, you aint got to worry about it. So he mailed it in, and we never did hear nothing else about it.

(Evelyn speaks)

Alright, they said you had five older brothers

(Franklin speaks)

Yeah

(Evelyn speaks)

0 Ider than you

(Franklin speaks)

Yeah

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, tell me about something about your life-in your life that made you very happy, think of a happy moment in your life-

(Franklin speaks)

Well-

(Evelyn speaks)

And what happened

(Franklin speaks)

Well ah-to be truthful and frankly about it, the best thing that made me happy was to go out here and work, and come home, and mama have a good meal cooked. And I'd sit down, and she really could cook

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

It wasn't nothing else to do

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

Nowhere to go, people didn't have no cars. Even coming to church, a lot of these churches around the side of here, people rode wagon and mules to the church. Didn't nobody have no cars

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, where did you go to church?

(Franklin speaks)

Ah right-well right-well when I got big enough, we went right up here.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

And before I got big enough they built, my daddy (non-transcribed statement) over here and got together they built these church up here, after the first old church, then the they built a new one, then they built a church right here in Pisgy

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

Well it was down the road, it was about a mile and a quarter

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

Yeah

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, was this area called Pisgy or-?

(Franklin speaks)

No, not this area

(Evelyn speaks)

This is Dobson

(Franklin speaks)

This is Dobson, down in yonder where that old church is, down there next to the river that was the place they call Pisgy

(Evelyn speaks)

O, ok .

(Franklin speaks)

That was our old church down there it was named Pisgy church, and they'd call that down there Pisgy, this is right here is called Dobson

(Evelyn speaks)

Alright, ah-tell me who influenced your life the most that you know anybody who had a big influence of you

(Franklin speaks)

Well I think, I think, you mean about the only ones I can say had more influence on me was my mama and daddy

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, alright

(Franklin speaks)

Yeah, my mama and daddy, ah-because I can say; unless we were in the field working, or when we get out of school, me and my brother we'd ah- well go in the house have changed out of our clothes, we'd do what we was supposed to do

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Franklin speaks)

And we'd go in there, and she'd have us some sweet potatoes boiled, we'd get up and drink us some milk, or (non-transcribed statement) get us two of the sweet potatoes, fill it full of butter then get us a sandwich, and then we eat that going to the field while mama and daddy was working

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

And when we got big enough I was working my mama's row, and he worked my daddy's row, until we got big enough to carry a row, that's the way they brought us up. And it never bothered me a bit, I preferred the work

(Evelyn speaks)

Wonderful, wonderful! Can you think of an event that happened in Surry County ah- that might have had an effect on you? Anything that happened in this County?

(Franklin speaks)

Not really,

(Evelyn speaks)

Can't think of any-

(Franklin speaks)

I can't think of nothing right now

(Evelyn speaks)

Alright, can you think of a national event that affected your life in some special way in the nation that you thought about or was affected, or that changed you in any way?

(Franklin speaks)

No, not right offhand, I can't think of anything

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

I mean back then you know your parents brought you up, and if you go out to play, you had a certain time to be back home. And-and another thing, and up here in this community, all of the older people in this community was your mother and father, if you were to leave home and go to play with they youngin, and you did something wrong

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin continues)

They'd give you a whooping, and when you got home you got another one

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

And they didn't think the youngins, and that's the way it was around in this community. All of the older people was your mother and father. Now if you did something and you needed a whipping you'd get it

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

But they didn't beat you outrageous. And I appreciate everyone I got, I thought sometimes daddy was hard on me, but I appreciate it because it kept me out of trouble, I aint never been in no trouble. And they brought me up to work

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

And I worked all my life I worked seventeen years, at Washington, D.C, and then all the other work I done, I worked twenty-four years, six long years over at the Chatum, where I retired at, so all together I worked about fifty-two years, all that together

(Evelyn speaks)

Ah, ok. Alright, well let me ask you if there's anything that you would like to see improved in the area where you live, in Surry County; what improvements would you like to see made?

(Franklin speaks)

Well, well the things that I'd like to see, it probably won't ever be, because I'll tell you for why. I'd like to see the youngins, these, these young ones now come up like we was coming up, get out and have a job. Instead of walking the road, and doing, instead of on this dope and stuff, and running the law off away, and jail house and things full, these little small youngins and all that.

I'd like to see that improve, and ah- so what happens is these rich people got plenty of money, go over and get this dope, and got these youngins out here selling it for them just have enough for them to get caught to give them some time, and book them. I'd like to see that get cleaned up if it's anything possible. That dope mess is where it just come from. That's one of the worst things that ever happened. Now I know when I was a youngin, you used to hear a tale of somebody getting hurt or killed up way up the road somewhere, but right now it's right here on the news. Right now you can't even walk out of your house hardly; if you'd get on from here you, might pull up at home, and somebody pull up beside of you and shoot you

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

It's just, you're not safe even in a church or nowhere

(Evelyn speaks)

That's right

(Franklin speaks)

I mean it's bad; I'd like to see that improve

(Evelyn speaks)

Yes, alright. I am with you

(Franklin speaks)

It is very, very, if it can be done. I'd like to see that-this the stuff from over there in this country

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, alright. I agree with that, and I think a lot of us are feeling it now. It used to be a someplace else before it got here.

(Franklin speaks)

That's why you don't-

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, can you think of anything that um-of the past that I missed that you'd like to tell me?

(Franklin speaks)

Now about the only thing that I can think of at this time is my wife right here. She went to school out here and ah-now it's probably some a lot of things that-that I missed, that she can tell you

<wife speaks faintly>

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, your wife's name is?

(Franklin speaks)

Katie, her name is Katie Lee Dobson

<wife speaks faintly>

(Evelyn speaks)

And Katie Lee's name was- maiden name was?

(Franklin speaks)

Ah-France

(Evelyn speaks)

Alright, Katie Lee France Dobson, ok

(Franklin speaks)

Yeah, that's right

(Evelyn speaks)

Okay, alright!

(Franklin speaks)

Yeah, and that's probably all I can think of I can it might be a whole lot of things that will later on will come to me, but that's about it right now

(Evelyn speaks)

And well if I see anything that comes to yours, and if I am back in this area I will stop through

(Franklin speaks)

Well, anytime you guys come to me, I will be glad to share it to you

(Evelyn speaks)

Alriught

(Franklin continues)

But that's about it right now that I can think of

(Evelyn speaks)

Well Dewitt on this November the 5th, 2000th day I really want to thank you for giving me this chance to talk with you. And, as I said before your daddy was ah-on, his name was on the list of my mother's (non-transcribed statement) <may be offspring>, and I didn't get to know the eleven children that he had

(Franklin speaks)

Yeah

(Evelyn speaks)

And, of course she had thirteen.

(Franklin speaks)

Now they raised ten of us

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Franklin speaks)

Yeah, but the one that's name was John Webster, he got bronchial pneumonia, and ah-they bought Dr. Stone down here, one doctor down here, in Dobson, named Dr. Stone, he couldn't save him, and I remember them putting a paper sack around my head, rolling up, jumping around and playing you know I was that small.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

To keep me quiet

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

And he passed

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Franklin speaks)

He was real tiny, a year old, I don't know exactly, I doubt he was two years old

(Evelyn speaks)

Was it early, you think it was early childhood disease the illness?

(Franklin speaks)

Yeah it was bronchial pneumonia they couldn't cure it at that time

(Evelyn speaks)

And they took him away

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, very good

<tape breaks>