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Interviewee: Luella Ross

Interviewer: C. Taylor

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Luella Ross: Describes the crop harvesting rotations of the trees and the seasonal harvesting of Turpentine at the Turpentine camps near Union County, FL. Gives a description of her mom's job to help keep the fields clean and clean and maintenance the harvesting tools. [00:00:29]

C. Taylor= What was the name of the camp that you were born in? [00:02:20]

LR = I was born in Georgia, but my mom brought me here to Florida when I was about 3 days old, she says. So, I'm really a Floridian. [00:02:25]

CT = Um what year were you born? [00:02:35]

LR = 1925 [00:02:36]

CT = And when you came to Florida what was the name of the community you came to? [00:02:37]

LR = Well I was raised up at Union City 4 miles from Lake Butler [00:02:42]

CT = Union City, Okay. [00:02:46]

LR = You know where Lake Butler is? [00:02:48]

CT = Yes [00:02:49]

LR = and I was raised 4 miles from Lake Butler. I don't know what you'd call it going East or what but going toward Lulu and ole luster going towards Lake City and uh I was raised up there and then I was raised up on Parsley around Coral City and I don't know what county uhm, Taylor County I guess it is. [00:02:50]

CT = Taylor County, Okay [00:03:15]

LR = and we lived back on... back in Quarters that they called um camps. We lived in camps like camp 13, camp 14 and every camp had a different number. And then uhm after I got sick Mandy thought they were going to let me come back and then I took for the worst and the doctor said I couldn't come back. So, they still haven't turned me loose yet so that's why I'm not working and so umm I consider I'm doing good though to have went through with what I did. I went through a lot. They said they had had a problem with me in operation they liked to have lost me one time and my sugar dropped on me and my pressure went down and a lot of things. [00:03:18]

CT = and that was September [00:04:11]

LR =But just like I told em I was in the lord's hand and he took care of me and that was the 25th of September [00:04:15]

CT = Yeah, he still wanted you here to do some more work [00:04:22]

LR = Hmm [00:04:25]

CT =He still wants you here to do some more work [00:04:26]

LR = Yeaahh, Yeahh, he not through with me yet there's something else he wants me to do, so its uh a struggle trying to get strong enough you know but I'm gone make it [00:04:28]

CT = Do you live alone? [00:04:48]

LR = No I have 2 sons here with me [00:04:49]

CT = That's good. So, tell me about the first turpentine camp you remember. [00:04:51]

LR = Oh lord hmm. [00:05:00]

CT = Well it doesn't have to be the first one just tell me about one of them. [00:05:04]

LR = I don't know whether it was 13 or 14 but we lived on one and had a bunch of little houses sitting back out there for the workers to live in and while all the men were working the womens was washing and doing the chores and all kinds of stuff and then uhh at night they would gather together build a fire outside and sit around and laugh and talk and the children would be running around out there playing till bedtime. Time to take their bath and go to bed. [00:05:09]

CT = And that's where you were at this time? [00:05:45]

LR = huh [00:05:48]

CT = and that's what you were doing? Was one of the kids running around, right? [00:05:49]

LR = and huh the parents you had a certain time you had to go to bed at night too. You didn't run around out there all night and play like children do now. For some reason when all this work was going on around the turpentine still and what not the ladies when they weren't doing their homework they was helping with the stuff around the still. Like my mamma she used to make uhm paddles for... to put over the cups to keep the chips from dropping in it what they chipped pulled them out to keep the chips from dropping in the cups she made paddles and she made it out of tough stuff they called Osenburg [00:05:52]

CT = Osenburg. Is it leather? [00:06:40]

LR = It kind of similar to leather but it's not it's really not leather and uh she make that them every year every year. Cause they wear them out to go up there and what not and it was uhm they were shaped up (describes the shaping of the fabric made) You seen them? [00:06:45]

CT = I've seen em in pictures [00:07:10]

LR = Really? Well, my mama used to cover that wire to put on them paddles and then when she accomplished that if there was anything else to be done like raking pines, or whatever she got out and worked on that. My mama did a lot of things to make a living to make a living for us cause my dad died when I was about 5 I think. [00:07:12]

CT = and she stayed on in the turpentine camps. Was there more single men than families where you were or about the same amount? [00:07:32]

LR = Well it ... I don't think so. umm I can remember what they call shanties. There is 3 or 4 shanties sitting around for the single men to live in. I don't. I don't really. I don't remember it being that many. Well if they was single I didn't know it. I just seen man walkin around and id see them going to them little shanties and what not. I don't think it was more single men. I don't believe it was. I think uhm mostly everybody had them a wife and sometimes uhm one turpentine still would go down and the hoodlum would go to the next turpentine quarters and work but he didn't move his family he'd walk to the job and then on weekends he'd come back home bring groceries and everything come back home. But uhm when we stayed, I can't remember where we stayed on 14 out from coral city where it was. Uhh that's when we went to Union City and my dad my adopted dad, see I was adopted when I was real small, he moved us to Union City now I think I was somewhere around 5 or 6 years old when we went there. [00:07:46]

CT = Did that man marry your mother? [00:09:20]

LR = Oh yeah that was my momma's husband. That was my mom's husband. And they had always ever since they had known my mom they always would ask them Give Luella to me we'll take care of her. We'll do this. And uhh so one day mom got disabled or she couldn't find work and stuff like that to take care of me like she aught to and it three of us at home at that time. So my brother and my sister they went to live with my cousin and I went to live with these people and they raised me on up. [00:09:24]

CT = What were their names? That raised you. [00:10:06]

LR = Charlie and Coral Brown [00:10:08]

CT = And the other siblings? Were they your dads' children or did they belong to your adopted dad? How many of them were your natural siblings? [00:10:14]

LR = My momma was the mother of ten, but these was my brother and my sister the rest of em was gone on off somewhere. My brother and my sister we was actually brother and sister. So, it was only 3 of us. [00:10:28]

CT = And were you at. Were you the oldest then of all those kids? [00:10:48]

LR = Yeah but my sister Luenita was the oldest but she didn't go where I was she stayed with my cousin. Her and my brother stayed with my cousin and I was the only child in this home. [00:10:53]

CT = So did that change your occupation? The Browns, what kind of work did they do? [00:11:05]

LR = Turpentine, they was turpentine. Union City is a turpentine quarters it was a big ole turpentine quarters. Big. And Clifton Howard was uhh the boss man there. [00:11:14]

CT = Do you know what the name of the company was? [00:11:33]

LR = No [00:11:35]

CT = Would you tell me the Browns both their names again? [00:11:52]

LR = Charlie and Coral Brown [00:11:58]

CT = Did you see your sister and brother much after that and did you know em as adults? [00:12:06]

LR = Yeah. I kept my brother until he passed long time after then. He come to live with me he got downed disabled to do anything and my sister passed before he did and at that time my brother was living... In fact, he used to work turpentine and my sister, my brother was living in Ocala [Ocala, Fl] when he got sick and he got so sick wouldn't no body take care of him so I went and got him. And when he passed he was living with me in the house. [00:12:16]

CT = Did he work turpentine in Ocala [Florida] ? [00:12:52]

LR = Fort Mccoy [00:13:00]

CT = Whats your brothers name? [00:13:04]

LR = His name was Estan baker [00:13:07]

CT = How you spell it? [00:13:09]

LR = E-s-t-o-n Baker [00:13:10]

CT = Were there any white people in the turpentine camp where you were with your mother when you were young? [00:13:17]

LR = No not to work. The only white I know was the boss man. [00:13:24]

CT = and your adoptive dad, were did your mom meet him at? [00:13:34]

LR = I don't know they were together when they got me I really don't know where she met him at. [00:13:43]

CT = That first camp when you were with your mom can you estimate how many houses were there? [00:13:55]

LR = Not really [00:14:08]

CT = You said there was only 3 or 4 single men. [00:14:11]

LR = I can only see clearly one house in that town we lived in. [00:14:14]

CT = Describe that one to me. [00:14:24]

LR = But I know it was more houses there but they said to be clearly I could only see that one. [00:14:26]

CT = Describe the house you lived in to me. [00:14:33]

LR = IT was kinda like the quarters house down there only it was't what they call a shotgun house. IT was just an ordinary house with two bedrooms and the front room and the kitchen. [00:14:36]

CT = This room is probably about 20 feet by 25 feet. Was it as big as this room? [00:14:56]

LR = It might have been a little bit bigger than this. Might have been. Well yeah because it had 2 bedrooms [describes furniture placement and what the houses came with] It might have been just a wee bit bigger than this, it might have been. See I was so small during that time. I can't really measure up to what was what. [00:15:03]

CT = So when you left there you went to Union City. Talk to me about the Turpentine Camp there cause you remember more of it. [00:15:46]

LR = The only thing I remember about that is being woke up in the morning by a big gong sound. The night watchmen ringing the gong to wake up everybody to get ready to go to work. And then everybody get up and their wives or whoever would get up and fix the dinner in a serving bucket. Some go to work on wagons and sometimes they had turpentine trucks that came out. [00:15:56]

CT = Was it dark when that gong sounded? [00:16:25]

LR = Oh Yes, Yes ma'm. scared the daylight out of me too. [00:16:28]

CT = What did you do once the men went to the trees? [00:16:40]

LR = I went to school. [00:16:44]

CT = Where did you go? Right in the camp? [00:16:46]

LR = I went right there in the church. They had the school in the church. [00:16:48]

CT = How many kids do you think were there usually? [00:16:56]

LR = I don't know how many children was there but I know one teacher taught the whole school 1-12. [00:17:00]

CT = Was there a male or female teacher? [00:17:15]

LR = Female [00:17:18]

CT = She taught 1-12 wow. [00:17:23]

LR = So it could have been no hebacher? [Male Teacher?] [00:17:27]

CT = Maybe a Dozen? [00:17:39]

LR = I think it was more than that [00:17:40]

CT = What were your favorite subjects? What did you enjoy in school? [00:17:45]

LR = I just liked the going to school. I really enjoyed going to school. I didn't like missing school it didn't really matter what subject; I just loved the school. [00:17:51]

CT = Did you have textbooks that you got to take home to study in? [00:18:06]

LR = Yea, our books were different from books of the day, but we had books to take home and she'd give us homework and stuff like that. A lot of times she would write it on paper and when I get home and that was the first thing, I did was homework then I did my chores. Oh yeah I loved the school. [00:18:10]

CT = and Did you take your lunch to school? [00:18:40]

LR = No we could go home at lunch if we wanted too [00:18:46]

CT = Cause you were so close? [00:18:49]

LR = Yeah we were so close we could go home for lunch. [00:18:50]

CT = So what did you usually eat for lunch? [00:18:52]

LR = We would just eat whatever the parents had to cook [00:18:52]

CT = Well give me a hint. What did you like to eat? [00:18:59]

LR = I liked to eat whatever they had. IF it was biscuits and bacon and syrup that was fine with me. If it was black eyed peas and rice that was fine with me. We ate what we had, we didn't have no speciality. [00:19:01]

CT = and did your mom and dad have a garden there? By their house? [00:19:20]

LR = Momma had a garden. [00:19:29]

CT = What did she grow? Did she grow the black-eyed peas? [00:19:30]

LR = She grew vegetables, peas, beans, sweet potatoes, okra, the original stuff [00:19:34]

CT = It was a big garden huh? [00:19:45]

LR = Oh yeah, and I had to chop it up [00:19:46]

CT = Do you mean you took the weeds out? [00:19:54]

LR = We had to take the weeds out turn the ground over with a grubbing hoe and hoe and everything else. I chopped that thing up and then put the fertilizer in it and chop it up again. I chopped it till it got ready to build rows, she made rows. [00:19:56]

CT =What did you use for fertilizer? [00:20:14]

LR = The hen house, if you would get any out the lot where the horses where the mules was you would use that. They did use all this old chemicals and stuff like that. [00:20:16]

CT = So how many mules were there? [00:20:32]

LR = Mules? I don't know how many mules they had up there. [Begins describing the layout of the quarters she lived in] They was way back there by the commissary, I said the quarters was big and they was back that way and I was back this way near the school. So I knew they had about 2 or 3. They had to have 2 to pull the wagon with the gum on it. [00:20:34]

CT = So there was the quarter houses, a commissary, the still, a church that was used for a school, any other buildings that you remember? [00:21:04]

LR = Not no more than just what we lived in. [00:21:19]

CT = What was the closest town? [00:21:23]

LR = Lake Butler [00:21:26]

CT = When you said sometimes the men went and worked on another camp with another number they stayed away all week and just came home on weekends, any idea how far away that might have been? [00:21:34]

LR = Sometimes some of the people stayed away for the month because they didn't get paid but once a month back then. Sometimes they stayed away a month and then come back home.[00:21:55]

CT = How were they paid? What did they get paid with? [00:22:13]

LR =They got paid with money if they hadn't eaten it all up in the commissary. [00:22:18]

CT = So what did you like to go into the commissary to get? Were there any treats in there for kids? [00:22:27]

LR = Ginger snap cookies and cheese that's what I loved [00:22:38]

CT = How big was the cheese wheel? [00:22:48]

LR = Well it... ordinary size. They come in a round box. Ordinary size. [00:22:50]

CT = So 18 or 20 inches across. The house that you lived in was the furniture made in camp?
The furniture that you slept on and sit on in house was it made right there? [00:22:59]

LR = No mamma had her furniture but We had old wire beds and straw mattresses and things like that. After I grew up I did sleep on a bed that was made upside the house that you call a bad name. [00:23:17]

CT = A Bad Name? I don't know what you mean. [00:23:42]

LR = They call it a SOB. They did. That's actually the name of the bed but I don't find myself saying that. Why they call it that, the men was coming around they had one built close side the door and he was coming around the door and bumped his shin and you bout know that's what he said. So they named it that. [00:23:50]

CT = or catch your little toe on it. [00:24:18]

LR = Yeah cause its wood and the only thing it got on it maybe is a straw mattress or moss mattress or fawn mattress. Some people like the fawns mattress, that was all on there and the side of the bed it wasn't nothing there but that wood and he bumped his shin and that's what he said. That's what they told me he said. [00:24:18]

CT = Was it pine straw that the mattress was stuffed with or straw from feeding the animals?
[00:24:44]

LR = Like you feed the animals [00:24:51]

CT = And the third thing i didn't understand is it was either straw, or moss, or? [00:24:52]

LR = Palmetto fawns [00:25:00]

CT = What other Furniture? Did you have any other kind of furniture in your house? Like a wood cook stove I presume. [00:25:05]

LR = Yeah we had a wood stove and we had an old wood dinning table. And the rest of it if they wanted a shelf or something they'd build a shelf up side the wall and what not. Sometimes they put they clothes in the corner, what little bit of clothes they had. Cause people didn't have clothes then like they have clothes now. So my mamaw was a seamstress and she made me a lot of clothes out the feed sacks and the things that they had. So I'm blessed I had quite a few clothes, more than the rest of them did. [00:25:10]

CT = Did that include underwear? Did she make your underwear?[00:25:52]

LR = Oh Yeah, she made my underwear too out the flour too. These 24 pound sacks. Flour sacks. I can't remember the first time I wore a store bought pair of underwear. [00:25:53] [Started answering over CT]

CT = Did she Make coats for wintertime? Were there coats? Did she sow coats for winter? [00:26:10]

LR = No shed mostly go to the store and get a coat. All of them from Walter Field. Do you know anything about the Walter Field catalog? [00:26:21]

CT = A little bit. I think I remember the name more than the book. [00:26:30]

LR = You could get a lotta pretty stuff whether it be some type of dollar ninety eight or less and whatnot. He used to have some of the prettiest shoes. [00:26:37]

CT = Is that where you got shoes? In the catalog? [00:26:48]

LR = Yeah we ordered them, Mom ordered shoes from the catalog. The Walter Field Catalog. [00:26:51]

CT = Did they come right to your house? [00:26:56]

LR = No they, you had mailboxes like they do now. [00:26:58]

CT = Did they come to the commissary? And you went there? [00:27:05]

LR = They sold work shoes in the commissary. [00:27:08]

CT = So the walls inside your house, were they papered like the one here is with newspaper? [00:27:18]

LR = Yeah, momma would put up what they called wallpaper. We didn't have newspaper except those catalogs. Shed tear out and use every piece on the wall. [00:27:24]

CT = Did she use the flour and water paste? And Sears and Roebuck catalogs?[00:27:39]

LR = Uhh huh. [00:27:45]

CT = How bout curtains? Did she make curtains? [00:27:50]

LR = Well shed tear up maybe her dress tail or something like that to make curtains. [00:27:55]

CT = And what kind of material was on the roof of the house? [00:28:05]

LR = Tin [00:28:10]

CT = and most of the ones, everyone's house looked the same? They were the same size.
[00:28:15]

LR = No, they had large families and kind of small families, they had some 3 bedrooms. I don't know about the Four. But they had some with 3 bedrooms. Cause some of the m people had big families. [00:28:20]

CT = where did the stiller live? The guy who ran the still. [00:28:42]

LR = He lived just like we did. He'd get up in the morning, go to the still and fire it up. In houses just like we did. [00:28:50]

CT = How bout the woods rider? [00:28:59]

LR = The wood rider did the same thing. As far as I Know. [00:29:00]

CT = Do you know who built the houses? And how old they were? [00:29:06]

LR = No, I don't know who built the houses [00:29:09] [She speaks kind of at the same time as the interviewer]

CT = Okay, she had a, Rory Summers had a name for the guy that woke people up in the morning. She called him a Shack rouser. I've never heard that term before, Shack rouser.
[00:29:12]

LR = We called them the Night watchers. [00:29:31]

CT = And a Gong. [00:29:32]

LR = Yeah he'd hit that gong too. [00:29:34]

CT = Okay, you told me about the Garden in the yard. Did you have and fencing or flowers or trees, or any animals? [00:29:36]

LR = We had chickens, we had flowers in a pot sitting out on the porch. [00:29:44]

CT = Do you have some favorite flowers because you remember them from when you were young? [00:29:56]

LR = All of mine, all flowers is my favorite cause I loved flowers. [00:30:01]

CT = That's a good answer. Were there many bushes or trees right around the quarter houses?
[00:30:08]

LR = Well, not right around it because people wanted to keep their yards clean and everything and kept it back. But you know it was pushing back out. But not around the houses.
[00:30:20]

CT = and where was the water pump and well? [00:30:33]

LR = Oh lord, Union city it was sitting in the middle of the quarters. [00:30:36]

CT = So it was a bit of a hike every day to get water? [00:30:48]

LR = It was a long ways for everybody to get water. I think eventually they put one over on the other side of the place over there near the commissary. I think they did. [00:30:52]

CT = Was one trip to the well enough usually a day or? And who did that tour? HE did? How big was your bucket? One bucket or two? [00:31:14]

LR = Sometimes I'd have two. Just the same size the buckets is now it depends. At night I'd have two buckets of water cause momma used to have the wooden buckets you know those wooden water buckets. [00:31:27]

CT = And they leaked by the end of the day [00:31:42]

LR = and they kept the water cooler too. And Sunday evening I had to carry five tours of water for her to wash with that Monday morning. Plus, the pot, the boil pot. [00:31:46]

CT = And did you share that with a lot of people, or did you have your own? The Boil pot?
[00:32:08]

LR = No we mama had our own boil pot. Now some of the people built their wash place close to the pump but momma's wash place was behind her house so. [00:32:14]

CT = So you built up some muscles. [00:32:26]

LR = So much went on around the wash place around the pump that mom preferred to do her washing at home. [00:32:29]

CT = so you said you had quite a few clothes compared to the other kids. [00:32:39]

LR = Right on account of my Mama could sew [00:32:45]

CT = So, they were all dresses, right? You didn't get to wear pants. [00:32:47]

LR = you didn't wear pants back in those times. [00:32:51]

CT = Dresses and Aprons? [00:32:55]

LR = Oh yeah. [00:32:57]

CT = Or skirts and blouses? [00:32:58]

LR = I see people wear pants to church now. There ain't no way I'd wear a pair of pants to church. I don't think so [00:33:02]

CT = And did your mom, how did she preserve the food that she took out of the garden? [00:33:10]

LR = She canned it [00:33:18]

CT = In jars? how did she seal the lids? [00:33:19]

LR = well she had a pot that she would, whatever she'd done to it. Then when it got tight, she'd screw the lid on and the colder it got the more she'd screw it. Then she'd turn it upside down for overnight if it didn't leak then it was ready to put up. [00:33:24]

CT = so basically, she had the same kind of tops that we have now? To help seal the food. [00:33:44]

LR = They had uhm them little lids and she had some jars that had the rubber go around and pull the lip down. [00:33:51]

CT = So what time did you have dinner at night? Or supper at night? Did you do it before dark? [00:34:12]

LR = Yeah. [00:34:18]

CT = and did you usually have leftovers from a bigger meal that was cooked at one time? Or did she do her major cooking at the end of the day? [00:34:22]

LR = We had leftovers, and we ate them. [00:34:35]

CT = so she cooked in the middle of the day usually the biggest part of the food for lunch? Middle day? [00:34:39]

LR = yeah mm-hmm. [00:34:45]

CT = The woods riders that you remember did they have wives and families? [00:34:50]

LR = Some of em did. One that used to live over here really Mr. Jurgen [Hard to make out the name she states] he didn't have no wife but most of them that I know did. [00:34:58]

CT = The camp that you were in that we been talking about it was so big. Did they have more than one wood rider? [00:35:11]

LR = I don't think so. They had a truck driver too that go on and , well what the wood rider done is go on and see if the men's out there doing the crops and things like that. That's what the wood rider would do. And then they had another man to drive the wagon to go along and pick up the dip barrell and then they had a truck that they sent out there that the wagon would meet the truck and empty, put the barrels on the truck. Then they'd take that load, I think they sent them to lake city I believe, I'm not quite sure. [00:35:19]

CT = So it wasn't, there wasn't a still? [00:36:05]

LR = Yeah there was a still there but they sent some of it to Lake City. I'm quite sure they sent some of it to Lake City. That's why they had the truck I believe. Yeah we had a big ole Chevrolet [?? Tough to make out exactly what she said] , I used to go up there when they cooked the gum and some kind of clear liquid come out, kind of like water, and they called it low wine , and they said it would make you drunk. And Id go up there and get me a cup, it didn't do nothing to me but of course maybe I didn't drink enough of it for it to do nothing to me. Which I didn't want it to do nothing to me but it was a low wine like thing they called it and I can't remember the taste of it now but I liked it then. [00:36:06]

CT = Taste like chewing gum? [00:37:04]

LR = Probably. [00:37:07]

CT = Did you get time off on major holidays to have festivals with your family? [00:37:11]

LR = There was no times like that we had Christmas and we had thanksgiving dinner. The people worked and when they come in, they had a thanksgiving dinner, a Christmas dinner. [00:37:20]

CT = So they worked on Christmas too? [00:37:29]

LR = Sometimes they would. [00:37:34]

CT = so tell me about what a Christmas dinner would have. [00:37:38]

LR = well we wouldn't have none but maybe a chicken and sweet potatoes and sweet potato pie and stuff like that. Almost the same way it is now just didn't have Turkey back in those times. But almost the same. [00:37:44]

CT = what happened when somebody got sick? Do you remember a time when someone in your family was ill? [00:38:13]

LR = Well, they take him to the doctor. I think somebody go to the boss man and he'd see to them getting to the doctor. [00:38:18]

CT = So was the doctor in Lake Butler? [00:38:29]

LR = hmm ole Dr. Caine [00:38:33]

CT = Did you ever have to go see Dr. Caine? [I'm guessing that Luella nodded her answer to Cyd] No? So the mid wife-ing tools that you have in the shotgun house here.. [00:38:35]

LR = My mom was a mid-wife [00:38:47]

CT = You wanna talk a little about that? Cause you probably helped her some. [00:38:50]

LR = No, no I didn't help her with nothing. She always went on her own. She went by herself. [00:38:54]

CT = Well tell me about the Briar root and hog hoof. [00:39:03]

LR = The Hog hoof is good for colds and the Briar root was good for what we used to call back in those times dysentery. Which is the loose pox. [00:39:11]

CT = and is the briar root the smilax root? Do you know? [00:39:24]

LR = Briar root was regular blackberry briar root. And you dig it up and wash it and chew it. [00:39:29]

CT = So its high in vitamins c and that why its used to treat dysentery. . . . So, are you familiar with the term called everlasting tea? I saw these two things used in culmination and it's called everlasting tea. [00:39:36]

LR = Now Mama might have had that, see mama taught me a lot of things that I don't know besides I can't remember but I got all my stuff that I know from her. Just like I used to know how to go in the woods and find the different roots and things that she did, I can't do it no more. I hate I lost it but I did. [00:39:56]

CT = Did you treat your family with some of these same remedies? [00:40:20]

LR = Oh yeah roll em down with toluol. [?? Hard to make out for me but sounds like she is talking about toloul] . [00:40:25]

CT = What did you put in the toloul? [00: 40:35]

LR = turpentine [00:40:38]

CT = Can you tell me how in other ways that turpentine was used for medicinal uses? [00:40:40]

LR = They used to take turpentine for soreness and uhh[00:40:48]

CT = internally? [00:40:52]

LR = mmmhmm ... You can't do it now. They thought nine drops of turpentine would do anything good. But you can't do it now. Well you know back in them times anyways turpentine was used for a lot of things because there wasn't a lot of them things around, they was used for snake bites and all that kind of stuff. [00:40:52]

CT = and bruises, and open cuts? [00:41:27]

LR = yeah [00:41:31]

CT = and a lineament for muscles, for externally used, and for sore throat on sugar, Can you think of anything else? [00:41:34]

LR = mmmmm [no] [00:41:52]

CT = Do you remember any games that you played with the other kids? [00:42:00]

LR = Ring around the rosie , merry go round the mulberry bush, hansul walking [00:42:06]

CT = Hansul walking, Tell me about hansul walking. [00:42:13]

LR = oh its nothing what you would do, you would put em in a ring and you have a rag or what ever and you go around and you say [sings a song that would be sung playing the game] Well after awhile you drop it behind whoever, its kind of like, kinda like, what the name of the, you got one.. [00:42:16]

CT = We called it drop the handkerchief. Duck Duck goose is a little like that now. But there is no handkerchief. [00:42:40]

LR = What was the name of that thing? I can't think of the name of it now but anyways you drop something behind this one they run around and if he catches him then he in the middle. I can't think of the name of it now. Hopscotch, we used to play hopscotch. Hide n seek, but the parents didn't like us to play Hide n seek too much. [00:42:51]

CT = Especially after dark. Yeah you played all the same games that I played in the 50's.
[00:43:20]

LR = Yeah you specially didn't play hide n seek at night. My mama didn't have to worry about me cause I didn't like boy no way. [00:43:29]

CT = no? [00:43:30]

LR = mmmm [no] [00:43:39]

CT = How old were you when that changed? [00:43:40]

LR = Not to old but down to that time I couldn't stand boys. [00:43:43]

CT = Okay what did you call the one where you dropped the rag and chased each other?
[00:43:52]

LR = Hanson walking, walking and a talking, Like a haunt [00:44:00]

CT = okay that's what I though you said the first time. H- A- U- N- T like a ghost okay. I like that name of it. Did you share food out of your garden with others and trade for what other people grew? [00:44:05]

LR = No mama just give people food. [00:44:25]

CT = Yeah.. So she was pretty resourceful your mother. She was very resourceful. She had a big garden and she sowed and she found enough work around the still cleaning the cups, that they kept her on. [00:44:27]

LR = Mama would give away a lot of her stuff and then when it was gone we'd go out to old man Shoals and Mrs. Milton or somebody and buy more vegetables but I never known mama to sell nothing. [00:44:47]

CT = But sometimes you had to pay to replace what she had given away. She was very generous. [00:45:00]

LR = Then we'd go out and pick blackberries, huckleberries, blueberries, and any edible berry we would pick. And mom would put all of that up, put it up for the winter. [00:45:09]

CT = Did she make jelly with them? Did she have enough sugar to make jelly? [sounds like Luella answers while Cid is still asking the question] Whats your favorite jelly, oh you can't eat it now cause your diabetic never mind. You have to eat one made without sugar. Which is your favorite berry? [00:45:28]

LR = Just berries [00:45:48]

CT = Blackberries, huckleberries, blueberries. Did you eat persimmons? [00:45:50]

LR = Persimmons? Mmmhmm I loved those. And pomegranate. [00:45:56]

CT = Okay. They have the prettiest flowers, don't they? [00:46:03]

LR = mmhmm [00:46:08]

CT = So pomegranates grew right there in the quarters? [00:46:44]

LR = No. I can't remember Pomegranates trees being in the quarters but we ate a lot of them. Where we get our vegetables and stuff from more than likely had pomegranate trees and oranges. [00:46:49]

CT = Did you collect hickory nuts? [00:47:03]

LR = Yeah. I never will forget I got run by.. they said it was a zebra, went there in a hickory nut grove and we was out there gathering hickory nuts and boy that thing it, all I know is he was stripped, but he didn't catch me. They said it was a zebra I don't know what it was. [00:47:06]

CT = How old were you then? Eight? Ten? [00:47:30]

LR = Im not sure. [00:47:37]

CT = Your not sure if they were teasing you about a zebra or it really was? [00:47:38]

LR = Well that's what they said it was but then I learned later that they had mules or horses or something stripped like that to, so whatever it was he was stripped. He didn't catch me. [00:47:42]

CT = Did you go fishing or hunting with any of the guys from the camp? [00:47:56]

LR = My mama did all the fishing and going on. I didn't fish nothing when I was coming up too much. I do all my fishing now. [00:48:02]

CT = Where did she find the fish? When you were at union city where did she fish at? [00:48:12]

LR = Well she didn't, it was creeks around union city where she could fish in but when we were living in union city she really didn't have time to fish cause she was going cross them creeks and things taken in work [work? Hard to make out what she said but it was

something on what her mother did to make a living that kept her busy] and all that kind of stuff for a living but she. [00:48:16]

CT = and then when you were with Coral, she was a fisherman too? Was Coral a fisherman too? [00:48:32]

LR = She the one, yeah her and her mama both. [00:48:38]

CT = Was there any rolling stores? Men with wagons that came? Tinkers with other stuff on them? [00:48:48]

LR = That came that I can remember after I was grown, but there was some rolling stores come long. I can't remember non coming by when I was at home. [00:48:58]

CT = Tell me about a special time when you got together to grind cane or to kill hogs. [00:49:13]

LR = Well that always happened in the winter. I would, that happened after I got grown, mama would always do the hog killing, but after I got grown I went hog killing. Well right there it started and we got paid in meat instead of money. [00:49:22]

CT = How many hogs did they kill in a day? Do you know? [00:49:52]

LR = No I don't know how many they would kill. [00:49:55]

CT = How did you preserve the meat? [00:50:00]

LR = Salt [00:50:05]

CT = and when you cooked it did you try to soak some salt off of it first? [00:50:10]

LR = Yeah, mmhmm [00:50:15]

CT = How bout cane grinding? Did you go to any cane grindings before Barberville here? [00:50:19]

LR = Yeah I saw some before then but I didn't really say go to it but I saw em. [00:50:27]

CT = When you were in turpentine camps, how did the women get together to socialize? Did they quilt or do work together? [00:50:40]

LR = They quilted and some of em had their wash places close to each other and they'd talk and wash and stuff like that so they quilted a lot. Everybody didn't have a quilting frame a lot of em put the quilt on the floor cause I quilted the quilt on the floor. Mom and them had a frame over the table and then when it time to eat they would pull it up and they'd

eat and every time they would go back to quilting they would put it back down.
[00:50:52]

CT = So your workspace was right there. Do you remember the names of any of the patterns that your mom used? [00:51:32]

LR = No I don't, I really don't think they went by patterns. I don't think so. I think they just tear out squares and used whatever thang they had to use. [00:51:41]

CT = Which was usually what? Your worn-out clothes? [00:51:55]

LR = Yeah, a lot of times it was worn out clothes. But sometimes Mama would have a few of new pieces by her being a seamstress. She'd put the strongest pieces with the new pieces. [00:51:57]

CT = So she sowed for other people not just the family. [00:52:10]

LR = Every once and awhile, she didn't do it to regularly [00:52:13]

CT = Was it all by hand? [00:52:20]

LR = No she had a single sowing machine. [00:52:22]

CT = A treadle. Where do you think she got it at? [00:52:23]

LR = I don't know she had it when I got there. When she got me. [00:52:29]

CT = So you already told me about attending school and when you were in the 12th grade were you still in union city? Did you go through the whole 12 grades right there? [00:52:42]

LR = Yeah mmhmm [00:52:53]

CT = How many of the other kids did you know that entire time? Was there a lot of turn over in families or did you know the same kids the whole time you were young? [00:52:55]

LR = Yeah some of em. [00:53:06]

CT = A few? [00:53:11]

LR = mmhmm [0053:12]

CT = Who was the preacher at your church there? [00:53:21]

LR = Oh Lord. I think his name was Rev. Macfarland. [00:53:25]

CT = Did he baptize you? [00:53:31]

LR = mmmmm [no] [00:53:34]

CT = Do you remember baptisms? [00:53:39]

LR = uhh Rev. Camel Baptized me [00:53:43]

CT = And was that at union city? [Luella quickly answers "no"] That was before or after?
[00:53:49]

LR = I was at well Hawcreek [sounds like she is saying "in Bunnell"] But I got baptized.
[00:53:54]

CT = So you were older? [00:54:03]

LR = mmhmm [00:54:05]

CT = Did you call it hog creek? [00:54:08]

LR = H- A- W. Haw creek [00:54:10]

CT= Did Rev. Macfarland live in the quarters? [00:54:16]

LR = He lived in the quarters [00:54:20]

CT = What happened on Saturday nights or on paydays? [00:54:25]

LR = Nothing but we just stayed at home. Didn't have nothing to do but stay home and some of em had radios. Probably listened to the radio and other than that that was all that was happening. [00:54:29]

CT = So there wasn't any cutting up when the guys got paid? [00:54:42]

LR = No, maybe way back on the other side but on the side we were living on we never had no problems. Most of the peoples would go to Lake Butler on Friday night or Saturdays and so we didn't have too much in the forest there. Not at Union City. I can't remember nothing going on at the camps. I was quite small when we was living on them camps. I'd love to go back in there to one of them camps. There's a few things I'd like to go and look at and bring back old memories and what not but I doubt if I'd make it in this life. I went down where it used to be Union city. Its not Union City anymore its nothing. We were going to Watertown to one of my sons Uncles funeral and I didn't know that I'd know when I got to Union City. I didn't know it wasn't nothing there. Nothing but on

down that way to the old depot. That's the only thing I know. Through it they done got rid of everything out there. [00:54:46]

CT = Was the depot important at the period you lived there? [00:56:22]

LR = Well people caught the train there. The old Georgia Southern. [00:56:28]

CT = Did you ever ride on it? [00:56:38]

LR = One tim.. No no no no [00:56:40]

CT = A different train. What train did you go on? [00:56:45]

LR = I hadn't been on but one train and that's the one that go along there. Because when I was small I was afraid of trains. [00:56:46]

CT = How close was the train to the camp where you lived? [00:56:58]

LR = I don't know that the train went to the camp. I know it come from Lake Compton through Lake City went on through Lake Butler and then it kept going where it went .[CT cuts in and says maybe Jacksonville?] . I don't know where it went. They tried to put me on it one time but they couldn't catch me. I was afraid of trains and I hadn't rid a train till I went to New York to see my son about ten years ago. I don't Like trains. [00:57:02]

CT = I haven't really got to ride a train either. Not to go anywhere on one. So, you don't do you remember any special event days? What's a watchnight? [00:57:47]

LR = The watchnight means that's coming up the new year. That's the night before the first of January. You watching the old year out and the new one in. [00:58:07]

CT = So you stayed out there? [00:58:22]

LR = mmhmm then peoples would fix some cookies or maybe a cake and we had coffee along about 12 o'clock at night and we'd eat that. Then after they got through with that we'd have singing and praying and right on. [00:58:25]

CT = You stay up all night? [00:58:40]

LR = Yep. You don't find people do that anymore too much. They want to go to the church at 12 O'clock at night but then they went to watch night then. We used to go to church early in the night and sing and pray and have a good time and then long about 12 o'clock that's when you eat your snack and all that. Then you really had service. Up until Daybreak. You don't do that anymore. [00:58:42]

CT = How bout on a regular Sunday? How long was the service on a Sunday? [00:59:23]

LR = Oh we went to church every Sunday. Every Sunday. I went to Sunday school. I went to 11 o'clock service. We had a 3 o'clock service and we had a night service. Every Sunday. [00:59:28]

CT = And did you eat one of your meals together on at church or did you go home? [00:59:45]

LR = Sometimes if we have special things going on we'd all eat out there but if we didn't have special things when 11 o'clock service was over we'd go home and eat our lunch. When time for 3 o'clock service everybody would gather back. Then sometime after 3 o'clock service they would maybe they would go back home maybe they would just sit around and visit one another and then on till the 7 o'clock service. Then we'd have 7 o'clock service and everybody would hug and say goodbye and go home. [00:59:50]

CT = And that was mostly people that lived right there in Union City? [01:00:22]

LR = mmhmm [Luella answers very faintly in the background] My mom used to tickle me so bad and she would miss prayer meeting. Thursday nights was prayer meeting night. She'd be coming home from prayer meetings she said. This is a joke she would always do. "Lord you know I sure don't feel like going to church Sunday but it's Thursday" and she don't feel like going to church Sunday. Sunday comes she says "Lord you know I sure don't feel like going to prayer meeting Thursday." And she'd crack everybody up with that all the time. My mom was very funny. [01:00:25]

CT = But she usually went on Sunday? But she usually did go on Sunday? [01:01:05]

LR = Oh she went. That's something she would have the people laughing about. They'd look at her and say "Cora how you know how you gone feel?" But she was real funny. [01:01:07]

CT = Do you remember any funerals when you were at Union City? In that church. [01:01:24]

LR = mmmm [no] I know people died there but uh. I know of two deaths they uh took them back to where they,, at lulu so I didn't go to it. [01:01:30]

CT = Was there a cemetery next to your church? [01:01:50]

LR = Yeah there was a cemetery there. But I don't think to many people were dying like that to have funerals like they do now because I can only remember one person. I remember two but I don't know what they did with Mrs. Hademi. Mrs. Hademi died and I don't know whether her family come got her or they had the funeral there. I really don't know what happened to Mrs. Hadime. But I not the son Mr. White went back to lulu. And that's the only two that I can remember the rest of the people that stayed there that I

know when they passed, they was all somewhere else and everything. I don't know.
[01:01:55]

CT = Where are your parents, the Browns, buried? Where are the Browns buried? [01:02:50]

LR = Trenton. Trenton Florida. They was living in Trenton. [01:03:01]

CT= How bout your sister Anita? [01:03:12]

LR = Fort Mccoy. [01:03:14]

CT = And your Brother? [01:03:15]

LR = My brother buried in Pearson cause that's where I lived when I couldn't afford to take him nowhere else. But my mom she in Fort Mccoy. My sister at Fort Mccoy. My sister in law she was buried in Ocilla. My brother's wife she was buried in Ocilla. But I couldn't afford to take my brother back. So I put him out there with my son, my husband, and I got two sons. I put him out there where they was. [01:03:16]

CT = What was your husband's name? [01:04:04]

LR = Rev. George W. Ross. He pastored 68 years. [01:04:07]

CT = Where? 68 years he was a Pastor. Where? [01:04:22]

LR = All over. No particular place All over. He pastored there in Seville, and Georgetown and all around. I don't know where. [01:04:30]

CT = Pearson? Did he preach in Pearson? [01:04:47]

LR = Yeah right there in New Bethel. Oh he preached at a lot of em that he didn't pastor. HE preached at a lot of Church's that he didn't pastor. [01:04:50]

CT = Well you know where he is now then don't you? How about weddings did you see any weddings in that church in Union city? Where was your wedding? [01:05:03]

LR = My Wedding was standing on my momma's porch in Union city. [01:05:20]

CT = Was George already a preacher then? [01:05:29]

LR = I wasn't married to him. My husband at that time was Joe Gilyard. I married Joe Gilyard.
[01:05:30]

CT = How do you spell his last name? [01:05:38]

LR = G- I- L- Y- A- R- D. [01:05:40]

CT = and you married him on your mom's front porch in Union City. Was he a turpentine?
[01:05:55]

LR = Yeah he was a Turpentine [01:06:00]

CT = and so did you move into your own little house out there? And raise your kids in the
turpentine camps? [01:06:06]

LR = nooo. No children [01:06:12]

CT = How long did you live in a house with him? [01:06:19]

LR = Not to long before he was killed [01:06:22]

CT = How'd that happen? Do you mind me asking? [01:06:25]

LR = mmm I really don't like to talk about it but I think he was killed for nothing and somebody
come to the door and blowed him down so.[01:06:28]

CT = With a gun? You think it had something to do with activities that went on with the other
guys in the turpentine camp? [Luella doesn't say anything but she may have just noded
the answer to the question] You don't know? [01:06:38]

LR = I don't know the date or why it happened. [01:06:50]

CT = How long before you remarried? [01:06:55]

LR = Oh Lord. I don't know. Long time. I just make me sick to think about how he was gunned
down and I don't know why. He had a lot of things but you don't know whether that's
true or not. Pay your bets to not say anything. [01:06:58]

CT = Did you use turpentine to clean the floors in the house? [01:07:30]

LR = Use turpentine to clean the floors in the house? [01:07:40]

CT = That's a question here. Was turpentine used for cleaning the house? [01:07:45]

LR = mmmm [no] [01:07:48]

CT = and we know who did the mid wifeing in the camp cause it was your mom. And you
woods rider was he black or white? [01:07:50]

LR = Black [01:08:02]

CT = and How were the workers treated by the woods rider and the bosses? [01:08:09]

LR = I don't know [01:08:17]

CT = You don't. Cause you were too young to really know when you were there? [01:08:20]

LR = I guess. I think I never thought about it. [01:08:27]

CT = You weren't aware of any abuse or any violence? [01:08:30]

LR = mmm [no, she answers soft] [01:08:33]

CT = And did you have any of your own transportation? [Luella answers with a nod instead of speaking]. How about when you married Joe? [01:08:40]

LR = No [01:08:48]

CT = Still walking? [Luella answers without speaking again] Did you come and go from the camp whenever you wanted? If you wanted? [01:08:48]

LR = Oh yeah they had a truck that if the people wanted to go to town they, the people would get on the truck and go to town. [01:08:56]

CT = to Lake Butler? [01:09:02]

LR = Like on Saturday if they, whoever wanted to go to town Saturday be there for the truck. [01:09:04]

CT = Did your mom go to Lake Butler to buy fabric or did she get it through the commissary? [01:09:11]

LR = No she got, they had them [unintelligible sounds like "theme" or "thieve"] sites. And she bought a few pieces of fabric there but mostly she'd get the theme site [01:09:15]

CT = What else did she buy from the commissary? [01:09:29]

LR = Food [01:09:32]

CT = Like dried goods? Like flour and corn meal? [01:09:36]

LR = All that kind of stuff. Cheese, salt, pork. You didn't starve on the turpentine farm. You didn't that man took care of his people. Might not have been what you wanted to eat but he had something to eat there for you. [01:09:38]

CT = Did you buy anything in cans? Was the pork in cans? [01:09:58]

LR = Well they had canned goods in the commissary. [01:10:02]

CT = How about candy? [01:10:11]

LR = They had peppermint sticks. [01:10:13]

CT = Coffee? [01:10:18]

LR = I don't remember no chocolate. [01:10:20]

CT = How about coffee? [01:10:25]

LR = Oh yeah coffee [01:10:26]

CT = Where did you get the soap that you used for the laundry? Did your mom make soap?
[01:10:32]

LR = Ours was soap powder. Just like Argan [unintelligible sounds like she is saying "Argan"]
soap they had a powder name Argan soap powder. Cause mom made a lot of her soap
too. [01:10:38]

CT = Did she bleach wood ashes to get the lye, or did she buy the lye? [01:10:58]

LR = She'd have to buy the lye. She didn't do that kind of the other kind of stuff. [01:11:13]

CT = What about bathing soap? Did you use?.. [01:11:10]

LR = Ivory and casteel. If you didn't want to bathe with the opposite soap [unintelligible or hard
to make out sounds like opposite soap]. But you know we bathed with the lye soap that
momma made. Sure did. [01:11:15]

CT = Did she put anything in it to make it smell good? [01:11:39]

LR = [answers without speaking first] but it didn't burn. It really didn't burn. I tell you
something else, people didn't have all these old rashes and thangs either like they have
today when they were using bathing with that lye soap [01:11:42]

CT = Didn't have any chiggers either. Do you remember any of the calls that the woodworkers
used in the woods to tally their work? When they hollered. If they had nicknames, or
[01:12:00]

LR = I'm quite sure they had some but I don't know em. [01:12:34]

CT = Do you know any of the songs that were specific to the camp? Or any campfire stories that you remember? [01:12:42]

LR = When they, if they was doing something they had no business in, they'd see the boss coming they'd say fire in the hole. [01:12:58]

CT = Fire in the hole? So they didn't get caught? [01:13:06]

LR = I don't think they really done nothing real bad. Its just they respected the boss. [01:13:14]

CT = How bout competitions or contests when they were working? Did they ever challenge each other? [01:13:22]

LR = I don't think so [01:13:28]

CT = And so the guys that you knew were all paid with money or credit at the commissary? [01:13:40]

LR = Yes the ones I know [01:13:43]

CT = So that particular camp didn't print its own money or stamp its own coins? [01:13:48]

LR = I know sometimes they'd go to the commissary and get one of thos things they called a check commissary, commissary check and buy groceries with it. Of course, that would be took out their money. That's about all I know. [01:13:56]

CT = So it got, that was kind of like a credit, an iou? [01:14:09]

LR = mmmhmm [01:14:13]

CT = This question says what kind of knowledge did you have to develop in order to avoid danger in the woods? Like any skill with tools or knowledge of first aid or umm. [01:14:19]

LR = I don't know what they did but just look out for whatever is coming. [01:14:40]

CT = It reminds me you said you didn't like trains but it didn't have anything to do with a close encounter did it? [01:14:44]

LR = no [01:14:56]

CT = Do you remember snake stories? [01:14:57]

LR = Oh yeah they, I think them rattlers they had to be real careful when getting around cause they was bad they said back in those times. You had to be careful of rattle snakes but I think they knew how to get around them. I don't think snakes care about turpentine. The smell of the turpentine too much. I don't believe they do. [01:15:00]

CT = Maybe part of it was all the activity in the camp. That was enough to drive em off in the woods. But the guys that worked the woods they probable saw em frequently. Well I don't have any more specific questions if you think of something that you want me to know just put it out there. [01:15:34]

LR = I don't know I think I done went through about everything I... no. [01:16:00]

CT = This one's a little interesting. Was the life of a turpentine different in later years after the camp and commissary system ended? You know anybody that continued to work the trees outside of a structured environment of a camp? [01:16:16]

LR = no [Luella softly answers no] [01:16:35]

CT = What life lessons did you learn through your experiences of living in a turpentine camp? [01:16:42]

LR = Well really I didn't come up on nothing too much to really say that I learned too much about but I know to take care of myself If anything did come up. The only thing that I really ever been scared of is a snake. [01:16:50]

CT = Is that rattlesnake specific? [01:17:06]

LR = All of em, the big ones, the little ones, the dead ones and the live ones, I'm scared of all of em. And that's the only thing that I know but anything else mmmm [no] [01:17:08]

CT = Well it sounds like everything you did learn you learned at a turpentine camp cause you were there through the 12th grade. How old were you when you married Joe? [01:17:20]

LR = 14 [01:17:30]

CT = And you'd already, you stayed in school after you were married? [01:17:32]

LR = I finished school after we were married. [01:17:38]

CT = How old were you when Joe died? How long were you together before he died? [01:17:42]

LR = Well not too long. [01:17:50]

CT = Couple years? Not even? [01:17:54]

LR = I don't think we was together three months let alone a year. [01:17:59]

CT = Were you able to stay in that house or did you go back to your moms? [01:18:03]\

LR = No I just went somewhere else. I just went on and went to making a life of myself.
[01:18:08]

CT = What occupations did you take on? [01:18:18]

LR = Working in the fields. [01:18:23]

CT = What kind of crops did you work with? [01:18:28]

LR = Strawberries, beans, peas, whatever was there. [01:18:31]

CT = Where were you when you met your second husband? [01:18:40]

LR = Cheifland [Florida] [01:18:45]

CT = Who was interested first you or him? Tell me about you romance with George. [01:18:55]

LR = Wasn't that much romance. [01:19:04]

CT = Well who got the idea to get married? [01:19:18]

LR = Well we sit around and talk and everything. And he was a church going man and I liked that. That was, it wasn't the reverend either. His name was Willie Boatwright and we had one son together and then 20 something years later is when I married reverend Ross. Bout 30 years really. [01:19:13]

CT = So you married Willie Boatwright because he was a church going man. Did you have children with Joe? You said no, okay. You had one son with Willie. So, is there a life lesson there? Pick a church going man. [01:19:53]

LR = Well, I got along very well with all of em. Boatwright and I was married, he got tired of being married so I just said we separated just like that. As friend and when he died we still was good friends. Dear good friends. [01:20:27]

CT = Did you get a formal divorce? [01:20:55]

LR = No he died. That was formal enough. [01:20:59]

CT = But you weren't living together anymore. Anything else you want to tell me? [01:21:08]

LR = No.[01:21:18]

CT = Have I worn you out? [01:21:20]

LR = No I was thinking about my pot on at the house. I got sons watching the pot there at the house. I was cooking. [01:21:22]

CT = What're you cooking? [01:21:30]

LR = Ox tail [01:21:33]

CT = Gonna make soup? Just eat it as meat? [01:21:35]

LR = Just gone have, put onions in it and some more little seasons, and have sweet taters, and corn bread, and maybe a little rice. Something like that. [01:21:41]

CT = So how many people are there for dinner tonight? The two of you? [01:21:57]

LR = There's three of us. My two sons and myself. I don't know I got an ex-daughter in law she just likes to stay there. But she good to me I don't care. [01:22:00]

CT = What's their last name? [01:22:15]

LR = Who? [01:22:16]

CT = The kids at home right now. [01:22:18]

LR = Rupert and Boatwright. And Ernest Johnson. [01:22:20]

CT = and the ex-daughter in law belongs to one of them? What's her name? [01:22:34]

LR = Except for her name is ruby. Her and Ernest had married but they divorced. It's like they ain't divorced she be there and they been divorced for a long time and she be right there going "momma what you got in there?" But she so good to me she real nice. [01:22:41]

CT = Did you have grand kids? [01:23:06]

LR = Don't even wake that up. [01:23:07]

CT = No cause theres so many? [01:23:09]

LR = No don't go there. [01:23:11]

CT = Is there a lot of em? [01:23:14]

LR = Yes mam! [01:23:16]

CT = Do you know how many? [01:23:18]

LR = No, I stopped counting at thirteen. And the great grands, and the great great grands. Don't go there. [01:23:19]

CT = Great grands and great great grands. You got a big family now. [01:23:36]

LR = I stopped counting at thirteen grands and I don't know how many more. I got one grandson, I believe he the father of about ten or thirteen and that's the great grands. [01:23:43]

CT = Big family. Well thank you very much for taking the time [LR responds Your welcome in the middle of CT talking] to talk turpentine with me. [01:24:01]

LR = Yeah I got a big family with grands and great grands. I got two or three great great grands I think, I don't know how many I got of them. I know when I was in New York I had one. I don't know what else done happened. [01:24:15]

CT = And that was ten years ago when you went to New York? Or did you go more recently? Have you only been to New York that one time on the train? [01:24:38]

LR = No I been there quite a while. I don't like New York and my son he be going saying going to me. "Mom you gotta come up here!". I don't wanna go up there. [01:24:44]

CT = Is it New York city? [01:24:55]

LR = Yeah, its only he live on the island. He lives out at Central Aspen [Unintelligible and hard to make out sounds close to Aspen]. He ain't never lived in the city ever since he been up there and he 65 years old. Ever since he been up there, he been living on the island he ain't never lived in the city. And now he 64 years old so you know how long he been in the area. [01:24:57]

CT = From Age 16 to 65. So his whole family is up there. [01:25:42]

LR = Well he got a wife up there, he got two daughters. No, his family really down here cause all his sisters and brothers and everything down here. He ain't got no, Let's see he had one daughter, two daughter, and a son. [01:25:47]

[Interview end at 01:26:15]

