



# a natural state

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**Video 3: Nature: B. The Farm**

See this is where the house use to be. That was one of the heaters in the living room. See the house used to be in this area right here. Where I was born. Right in this area. This was the kitchen part back here. You can see that some of the stuff is still there. It burned down.

Let me tell you a little story. I had an uncle... My Daddy's brother lived in Florida. And he was like a postal worker, and so to my Daddy, he was like, say middle class. Okay, so he had bought a new car every year and he could come to visit us and so forth. He would always come every summer and spend a week with us, every summer. Him and my Daddy would joke around and stuff like that.. He would tell my dad "You all are very poor." You know, you are very (laughter). One Saturday we were sitting on the front porch talking and he told my Daddy...he used to call my Daddy "Son". "Son, you all are very, very poor but you have a wonderful life here, but you hardly have any food", but he never missed a summer from coming to visiting us. It was great, we had a great life. We lived over there in the little three room house. It was a three room house. All of the boys slept in the room together. All five of us slept in the same bed together. We had a great time, you know. It was a little wood frame house, and Daddy had build this little room on the back for us. One bed, five boys, and I remember one summer, one winter, Daddy had put, redone the roof because it was an add on section, and when it snowed that winter, and it snowed that winter, (rooster crows in the distance), you know, Daddy wasn't a great carpenter but it was a room for us and it snowed that night, one night during the winter, it snowed... And we woke up the next morning, where he tried to add the roof on, snow had came through. Snow was in the bed. We woke up and snow had come through the roof. (Jimmie is laughing.) We had a great, we had fun with that. It was a wonderful day. We had a great life. We grew up and went to high school and I played basketball. I was a star on the basketball team and stuff like that. It was a great life.