



**Track 18 (01:47):**

**C. Mack:** Now we were in the shop just a few minutes ago and you were making some grave markers, which seemed interesting. Can you tell me about those? They're used all over in this area?

**Gerald Stewart:** Yes, these are used all over this area, because I told you they use it for their plots, you see, the people have plots and they put one of these in the corner.

**C. Mack:** And you said that you glaze the bottom part?

**G. Stewart:** No, the top.

**C. Mack:** The top part, you glaze.

**G. Stewart:** It goes into the ground about eight, eight inches. You know, where a lawn mower can run over it without breaking it.

**C. Mack:** Right. And you used them as corner markers?

**G. Stewart:** That's right, corner markers.

**C. Mack:** Was your father doing that too?

**G. Stewart:** No, he didn't do that now, this is something new.

**C. Mack:** The idea is something new, or is the idea of the grave marker something new then?

**G. Stewart:** Yes, he didn't ever make it in his day although he was a potter.

**C. Mack:** Did they have them back then?

**G. Stewart:** No, not that I know of.

**C. Mack:** Who came up with the idea, did you come up with the idea, or did someone come to you?

**G. Stewart:** No. My older brother Tom, yeah, sure did.

**C. Mack:** Had he seen them some place before or just thought that would be a good idea?

**G. Stewart:** Well I think somebody come to see him about some, you know, to make them...

**C. Mack:** Yeah, yeah.

**G. Stewart:** And that's how he got started, but we've got markers all over this county and I've got some out of the county, sure have.

**C. Mack:** Ok, that's a nice factor, now these are backers, now where did you get the idea or has that been a traditional thing in the Stewart family?

**G. Stewart:** Yes it has.

**C. Mack:** Do you know where they got the idea?

**G. Stewart:** It come out of the Bible, it come out of the Bible.

**C. Mack:** Right, mmm hmm.