

Harriett Bailem Brown

*Interviewed by Saddler Taylor*

## 1. Brown collecting bulrush on Dewees Island (02:11)

*<Video begins with H. Brown in a field of bulrush>*

**H. Brown:** Now we were talking about the bulrush. A-a-as you can see the bulrush is getting dry now because it's getting cold. But this is the part that we would get.

**McKissick Staff Member:** Harriett, do you mind starting that over for me please?

*<Video cuts to close up of H. Brown cutting bulrush>*

**H. Brown:** -part, the green part. You wanna get everything green because the sun is going to do the rest of it. This is bulrush. See how...how you would harvest it? The live bulrush is coming above the dry one. So you can always just get the bulrush by the top and then when you cut it, *<H. Brown cuts a handful of bulrush>* you are holding the one that you are gonna harvest out there.

*<Video shows H. Brown with a handful of bulrush>*

**H. Brown:** See and-and when you get the bulrush like this, in the meantime, you are preparing this bulrush to grow again when it comes spring. See because, you would be taking the green one and cut it, holding it, and when I cut this off like this, *<H. Brown cuts more bulrush>* it in turn take out the dry one that won't be any good again. See all that dry one just fall right down there, if I have any in my hand I just shed it right out.

*<Video shows H. Brown getting into a golf cart>*

**H. Brown:** Ok we're going get back and give him a chance to get his film in.

**McKissick Staff:** That's right. Thank you.

**H. Brown:** Oh, [how I shall] thank you! 'Cause I would'a been ridin' in and couldn't get to explain everything to you guys.

**S. Taylor:** Where are we going now Harriet?

**H. Brown:** We're going to the grass field. We're gonna see how sweetgrass grow.

**S. Taylor:** Alright.

*<Video ends with H. Brown walking down a road>*