

Bennett, Mary Jane

### 3. Family usage (01:26)

*<Camera opens with still shot of black and white photograph>*

**M.J. Bennett:** During that time, they used the baskets, you know, with they corn and...my mother used to put rice in it, like that, you know. She used to make a big basket and put a lid on and put the rice on, you know, like you take it out to use and the grits, on the place.

*<Camera switches to M.J. Bennett seated at a table>*

But, um, them-they couldn't afford to use it much for they self. Cause see my mother had to sell the basket to help buy us school clothes and stuff like that.

*<Video fades to black momentarily>*

Twenty-five cent. Fifty cent. And then hot-pad for a quarter. Nickel. Ten cent. Just like that. Ours-a rain tray, that we get fifteen and twenty dollars for, we'd sell it for seventy-five cent and fifty cent and that'd been big price. Cause my daddy only been getting um, a dollar a day.

*<Camera shifts to close up of a basket before returning to M.J. Bennett>*

The material is getting scarcer and scarce. Hardly can find the material...and um, if you have to go so far to find the material, then gas costs so much. When you done find the material and I clean it out and dry it and weave it into basket, the basket costs so much that people ain't gonna wanna buy it.

*<Camera shows another close up of a basket>*

It gonna be too expensive.