



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.