

I had talked to Bob Slokum and told 'em that ever since we moved into the house there was a, a bad odor from uh, from uh... the, the wet clay down there; and I asked him what was the best thing, he says, clay varies, he says, well, if you want to sweeten clay, the best way to sweeten clay would be to uh, put lime on it and that all it would do is, ya know, it also enriches the ground--then take away the musty odor from it.

Q Did you put lime down there to cover the smell of bodies?

A No.

Q Do you recall making a statement that the lime was used to cover the smell. "The bodies down there have been there a long time." Do you ever recall using lime for that particular reason?

A No. In fact, I did not know that, although I would imagine it would dissolve anything, but, I mean, I did not know that you could use lime to dissolve bodies.

Q When you buried the bodies did you ever

A Throw lime on 'em?

Q Yes.

A Not the ones that I buried and that I know of.

Q Was the lime put down there on different occasions or was it one specific time where you covered the whole top with lime?

A I went down there one specific time in June, I, when we went down there and we, we used seven or eight bags of lime. In fact, Rossi and Cram are the ones that did it.

Q Do you recall when this was?

A In 1978, I would say June of 1978. Or earlier, it may have been May of '78. But I know Rossi and Cram, cause they were drawin' straws who was goin' down to do it. And they were pissed off cause they wanted to go home.

Q Your intention was not to cover up odor of bodies?

A No.

Q Was there in fact ever any odor of bodies, putrefied odor in the house?

A No. No. It was always the same odor. It--ya gotta remember, all the, all of the people that came in and out of my house, if there was, if there was some kind of a poor or putrid odor or somethin' like that, they would have known.