

## Interview with the 50-year-old female known as “The Ginger Stick Lady”

E indicates the interviewee

A indicates the Dickinson College interviewer

A: Umm, (Evelyn smacks her lips) so do any of your children live on Montserrat now?

E: Yea, one up there (motions up the hill to the house next door).

A: The next door.

E: The, the one ya call. That's the last one.

A: How did she, how did she get that house. Did she buy that house?

E: No, she rents.

A: She rents?

E: Yeah.

A: Do you rent the land here?

E: Yeah we rent the land but we build the house.

A: OK, Uh, Did you own land before (dog barks) the eruption?

E: Back, Back on that side.

A: You owned it?

E: Yeah.

A: So that must be difficult financially to rent land.

E: Yea (Truck passes by with people shouting “hi,” Evelyn laughs) Well we couldn't do not much bet' at the time [Dog barking loudly] so we have to rent. And stay. Because the people at where we was, (dog) my husband family what ya know were ignorant people. After a while it once (dog) it was [what they wouldn't tell you]. They just start to act funny. So you know you have to get away. (dog continues to bark)

A: Husband. He said you had a house that was twice as big as this house.

E: Yea.

A: Before? So you, you had a pretty comfortable, comfortable house.

E: Yea, we were comfortable at that time.

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E: (interrupts) but, the last eruption we did went at Gerald's Bottom.

A: OK.

E: And then we come back home.

A: Did you build this house yourself?

E: My husband and my son.