

get it, and if I did, I got him out of jail. He could have stayed in jail.

Q But your bill is got to be subsequent to March 15, 1940.

A I can't tell you a thing about that, but I just put in the bill. I thought well, if I don't get nothing I don't get it; if I do get something I do; I got him out of jail.

(The Court) In the State of Maryland there is a statute of limitations; you would have to prove a claim of this nature, that your bill with Mr. Harp was contracted within a period of three years.

A I can't say how long it has been, Judge. I don't know when he went down, do you?

(Mr. James) No, I don't remember those dates.

(Mrs. Harp) That would have to be beyond four years. It would be, because it would be five years. I don't know when he went down. The first I knew of him ever being down, Mr. James gave that away one day unintentionally, I suppose.

(Mr. James) Why unintentionally?

A Well, you didn't know that I didn't know it. I suppose you wouldn't have maybe--

(The Court) When were you married to Mr. Harp?

A The 22nd of January, 1940.

Q What period of time did that cover, if you know?

A I think a year. I am not positive of that but I think it was a year, by that I would say prior to the time we were married, because we were going together at least a year, just about a year when we were married, and it was from 1940 to 1944. This is the fourth year.

Q You were married in 1940? A. Yes.

Q Then this would be 1939 or 1938, is that right?

A It must have been about that time, because we were going together in 1939, and we were married when I found out he served the time. I didn't know anything about that until we had been married several months.

(Mr. Storm)

Q Then your (Mr. Smith's) bill is beyond that. Your bill is 1938 or 1939.

A (Mr. Smith) But still he kept telling me he was going to pay me. I never did anything about it.

Q When was the last time he told you he was going to pay you?

A (Profanity) I don't know.

Q (The Court) What was that statement?

A I asked him now <sup>and</sup> then if he would give me a little bit on the bill. He said yes. Then he left the farm and went to Baltimore.