

(How old a fellow was John?)

He was getting up in years, guess sixty maybe seventy, seventy-five when he died, maybe older.

(You wouldn't have any idea about what year he died.)

No.

(Houston Downing, he must have been quite a prominent man.)

Well, I tell you, I don't know much about him. They lived way back in there.

I lived near Honey Creek there. They lived way on Whitewater Creek.

(Yeah.)

I'd see him, children come to the country school now--Bucket school and I know what they said about him. They pretty industrious people look like.

(They must have been.)

He had good teams and good wagons.

(Yeah.)

That day and time fellow fixed up pretty well, you know, had good teams and wagons.

(Oh yeah. If you had good team and wagons just like nowadays you have a brand new car.)

Oh yeah, same thing, yeah I guess he was good provider.

(Yeah.).

Yes sir!

(People worked hard in those days for what they had didn't they?)

Oh yes. Cleared up this ground with an axe and saw.

(That's right.)

Saw, one of these old cross-cuts, they call 'em.

(They appreciated when they got through they had something that they were proud of and they took care of it.)

Took care of it. You bet you!