

Friday come so I could come home. Well, I grew to manhood on my mother's allotment where I was raised. And when I, statehood come in 1907. My mother also passed away in that year. I never did think I would get married. But my father re-married again. And my step-mother was good to me, good to both I and my brother, Joe, which passed away about three years ago. And but it didn't seem like home so I decided to get married too. And I got married on the 8th day of August, 1909. That fall I bought the old subscription school house at auction. Statehood come in and they was going to build a new school house and I went to the auction and bought that schoolhouse, 18 by 24 for a hundred dollars. I give Charley Heaps, twenty-five dollars to move it for me. And we lived in that ten years with coal oil lights. And I built my this house that I'm living in now in the fall of 1920. Putting in a delco light system, added wires when I built it. Put in a delco light system and used that until, for twenty years. Till the REA come in with high powered electricity. And I was sure happy when it did cause I had plenty. Well, I'll say when I had trouble I was always by myself. Nobody to fix it but, get somebody. Frank Faust ran a garage over to Commerce. He was a great help to me, in keeping that delco light system operating. And I have made a scant living. Never went hungry. Operating this place, and I heired some land from my mother when she died. If I live here till August I'll be here sixty years.

REA PROJECT

Speaking about the REA which was formed by the president Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt to create and furnish the money to farmers to build their own electric lines. I worked very hard trying to get that perfected. And I went from schoolhouse to schoolhouse trying to get people to sign up. We had to have three to a mile in order to get a line built. And that