

just couldn't hardly handle that, you know.

(About how many helpers did you have?)

Oh, there'd be from about twenty-eight to thirty some odd. And then again, there was always a bunch of boys that follows the thrashing crew, you know. And they were there putting in, too, you know.

(Oh.)

(Next sentence not clear.)

(How much did they pay them a day back then to work like that?)

I don't really remember. Two and a half, I believe. But mostly the people that had big wheat and oat crops in, they would swap for it.

(I see.)

But then when they didn't have enough of their hands--of their family, you know, to do the work--why then someone come along they'd hire them. They generally swapped with them.

(Take turns about.)

Well, you see, they'd thrash up here maybe one day, or maybe three days; and then they'd go to the next one that was closest. That was with this bunch. And then there was couple of the neighbors. One lived over there and one lived over here on this place; and there's all them others scattered round back north and around, you know. But they'd have--if they'd have big crop in--why, they'd help, see. \

(Well, this was after you was married, wasn't it?)

Oh yes. Yes, that was after I was married.

FATHER BUILT SEVERAL HOUSES

(Well now, when you went to Arkansas on your summer visit, did you come back here?)

Yes. Uh-huh. Yes, after we came back home, and then Papa built another house. That's when he built this house for Miss--where Miss McKee lives.