

(When did you learn to cook--how old was you when you started?)

12 years old I guess. I sure use to like to make bread. Mama used to cook by herself. I used to just go get wood for her. But first time I cooked was for my daddy, cause my mother went to church. I cooked him potato soup. He told me how. I cooked it real good and put little grease in it. Mama cooked all time so I didn't have to cook much. I was the one to take care of grinding corn. (laughter) I got eggs out and I drove turkeys back, even if it was dew, cause they wouldn't come back to the house. They'd go out and sleep somewhere and baby turkeys would get puny and sick (laughter), or was it the chiggers on them.

(How did you all make out on clothes--did you make them?)

Mama sure used to buy material and made our dresses. We had land, 160 acres, my sister too and we'd make oil lease and my father was our guardian. He had our money put away and my mama would buy materials and had machine and sew everything for us, even our undershirts. She made them out of outing flannels, and they bought us heavy shoes and thick stockings and bloomers that were almost to our knees. She had quilt pieces and she quilted too. She tacked heavy quilts. I used to sit under the quilt where they had it hanging quilting, I'd shake it and I used to get fussed at. (laughter) In summer time she'd buy us pretty flowered material and put pretty trimming on it and pretty buttons. She didn't make it short like they do nowadays. She made them longer. (laughter)

(Your mother wore long full skirt dresses didn't she? Wasn't it blouse and skirt?)

She used to make her own clothes and made her own brassiere with lace on it. She made her undershirt. She mad girdle too with materials and starch them with flour. Boys too, just Tuner, they bought him heavy big shoes, pants and he went off to school and came home with a cap on and a tie. (laughter)