

I would just take it to mill and have the ground corn to make into meal.

GRIST MILLS--COTTON--WHIPPORWILL PEAS

(Was there any grist mills around this part of the country?)

I don't know.

(If you were--)

I don't know of any. I don't know of any.

(I don't know either.)

(There used to be one down at, what they called, Bidding Springs.)

(And then there was one over close to Ellerville at one time but I think on this side of the river.)

Yeah, I just don't know of any out here, I ain't seen none since I've been out here. I never seen no cotton till I came out here.

(Well.)

And you know what it was. I saw a big field of green stuff, and I says "What is that?" and they just a working chopping. They says "That's cotton." I said "Lord have mercy."

(Well speaking of growing things did they ever grow tobacco in this country?)

I never did see any.

(I haven't either.)

That's what they grow back in Tennessee and Alabama. We raised corn and tobacco and whipporwill peas.

CUT OATS WITH A CRADLE

(Whipporwill peas.)

That makes good hay, you know. That's all ever I seen grow. Well I have seen oats grow (words not clear)

You know, he would cradle that hisself.