

(What kind of food did you eat at school?)

We eat beans and they cure their own beef. And we had a lot of beef to eat all the time, everyday we would eat beef. They roast beef or boil beef. They raise their own potatoes, onions, radishes, and everything like that. And then we would eat that, and they had a lot of milk, milk cows. And the boys milked those cows. And they had a big old rock building, and there was water running into it. There was a trough from here to that long or longer, and it was half full of water and all the milk buckets with milk would be set in there to keep it cool. And the water was running like that through it all the time. And by evening time when some of these cooks and some of those other cooks from the other building, they cooked for the employees over there; they would come over there and skim that milk...cream...and they had a barrel so big and it turned like that and they put it in that big barrel and the boys would turn it and turn it. ((indicates that barrel had a four-bladed churn inside with an extruding handle)) and the boys would turn it and turn it till it would make great big butter, about that big. ((the size of a football)) And then they'd put it in crocks and set it in the water like that and cover it with a rag. And that's what we eat. They have a lot of milk on the table for us to drink every morning. In the morning we eat milk and oatmeal and butter. That's all we eat, we don't drink coffee. They don't give us coffee.

(What time did you have to get up in the morning?)

Early in the morning! Real early. Sometime...especially you know, the schools in the wintertime...we get up way before daylight and it be dark before we start eating. Be still dark...have breakfast.

(When you were getting ready to go off to school did your parents tell you anything? Give you any advice about what to watch out for?)

Yeah, they told me not to go up there. You might even get killed, or you might run off.