

freed, weren't they?)

Yes, they freed in Alabama.

(Did either one of them ever get on the Choctaw roll?)

No, they didn't get on rolls.

(And you didn't either?)

No.

(There were Choctaws who came to Alabama.)

Yes, Choctaws were in Alabama.

(Some of them went, I guess, from Mississippi to there, and then some came from Mississippi to here.)

We were only living nine miles from the line of Mississippi and Alabama. Our largest town was Columbus, Mississippi. Birmingham was about 112 miles on east of us.

(Well, being born in 1870, and you came here in 1906, you were a grown man when you came up here.)

Oh, sure, I was, I told you I was kicking up my heels. (laughter)

(Well, I thought maybe you started kicking up your heels when you were just a boy. (laughter) Where did you go to school?)

In Alabama.

(Well, what you told me about, I want you to tell me again. That's the first time I've--I've taught school in Oklahoma for twenty-five years, in Oklahoma, first job I had was in Durant, but I've never heard as much about that old blue back speller.)

BLUE BACK SPELLER - GOOD WITH FIGURES

It was nothin' but a hard book, that's all. It was a hard book! It was hard book--blue back speller about that thick. We stood there and learned to spell