

Miss Wilhite? Before they got all modern.)

Well, my school days was happy days. And we had - we didn't have a rope to jump with, but we, ah, we had a grape vine.

(Grape vine swing?)

Grape vine swing, and we'd throw it over here like a rope and jump it.

(How far did you go to school? From here, how far was your school?)

Well, the school was down here at the cemetery ((seminary?)), and we lived below the cemetery. And we had a big, you might say, two-story log house.

And a side room and the kitchen built off from the house. Log kitchen. And you've heard of a "stick-and-clod" chimney? Well, that's the kind of chimney we had.

(I imagine the house is all gone now, isn't it?)

Yes. It's all gone now. Just old tales Papa would tell, you know, and what happened here.

(Made notes on them?)

Yeah, made notes on them. It's all gone now. When he'd want to read at nights, you know, and if it's moon-shining night, dark night, he throwed us outdoors. Well, if the moon-shining night, we played outdoors. And the dark night, we scooch up right close to the dogs. ((laughter))

(He'd put you outside when he wanted to read?)

Yeah. There was an old closet under the stairs steps and it was dark in there.

And sometimes he'd throw us in the closet. ((laughter))

(It wasn't a very good experience, was it?)

No.

(To keep food back in those days, did they can it or dry it mostly?)

They dried it.

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(You didn't have any cans, did you, or jars?)