

And we'd have to carry them up and shock it and start toward the bottom and maybe see a big rattlesnake running over that--crawling right over that bundle. Oh, I've thought about that too. How we ever escaped. Me and George and Mary's mother going down to the spring one night, it was just a starlight night, got about half way from the house to the spring and boy it runs, doggone that old rattler commenced to rattling, we could see that snake, but he never moved. Just me and Mary's mother just stayed there and George ran back to the house and got that old long tong, come down there and killed it. Oh shoot boy, there was a lot of them in there at that time. Everytime we go huckleberry hunting, right where you'd see the finest berries, there'd be big rattlesnake. Course we didn't pick any there. But old N.D. Willis said him and Guy Coral, that's his daddy, was Ed's daddy, said they was cow hunting one time and they was going up a pretty steep hill leading their horses up this hill and N.D. told me that he had a Winchester, you know how they carry them under their arm like that. And pretty soon here was a rattlesnake struck at him and he just happen to see him in time to just knock him off with a gun like that and he said he bet that horse jerked him as far as here to that garage down that hill. Oh he said that was a monster. Boy, that old man Bracker lived over here south and east of the old home place there, he had a mule that they got from Hutch, young mule, three year old, he was plowing with a double shovel out there in some stump ground and a rail fence running up right by the road. They got out the south end and you know how they just through it around this way and turn your mule around, by golly in that fence corner out come a velvet tailed rattlesnake and tangled up in that fence corner. He said that was the biggest one he'd ever saw in his life. Course that mule got scared and jerked him, had the lines around