

No. I did know, but I forget. It might come back to me one of these days.

STORYTELLING

(When did you hear these stories?)

Oh, it's handed down from the old folks to the children. They're night stories. Hear them over and over. They're bedtime stories. We hear them so much we never forget, but some of them we forgot them now. They don't read them. They just tell them. Hand them down from mouth to mouth. Be a bunch of young ones--little boys--and those old folks would tell stories at night, over and over and over. And then they finally got it down pat. That's the way they used to do every night. That's all they'd do every night before the children go to bed. They have story-telling. That's where we get them.

(Now was this before the country opened up?)

Oh, long time before. Long time before the country (opened). After the country opened up they commenced to go to school, and get these fable stories. But still some of them carry on what they call "Sainday" stories. Funny stories about those funny stories of "Uncle Sam." There's lots of them.

(Well, do any of the old people still tell these old stories to their kids?)

Well, yes, they tell them to some of their little-older ones. And then when there's like five or six of them, they tell them at night just for pastime. In the wintertime they tell stories.

(They still do that?)

Yeah. I used to when we lived in the other house here, about 30 years ago. I used to have our neighbor's children--little