

(Can you tell me anything about what it was like or how you felt when you first went to school?)

Oh, I got along all right in school. There were big girls to take care of us.

(Did you go with somebody that you knew?)

Yeah, I had cousins in school.

(When you first went to school did you know any English?)

No.

(How did you get along, then?)

Well, we just had to learn--in a hard way. The way they teach us.

(Did anything special happen that you can remember--good, bad, or funny--when you first started?)

No. I was always minding. Whatever they want us to do, I just have to take orders. I never been punished, no.

(What were the teachers like?)

They were white ladies.

(Were they nice to you?)

Yes. They were good.

(Were any of them sort of mean or impatient with the children?)

No.

(When you were staying at school, after your classes were over how did you spend your time the rest of the day?)

Oh, we used to be dismissed for lunch--maybe half an hour or an hour--to play around outside. Then go back to school when the bell rings. At four o'clock we'd get out.

(What would you do then?)

Just play. We had a grove to play in.

(What kind of things would you play?)

Just ordinary things what anybody can do.

(Did they ever play ball?)

No, we never did play ball. Boys did, though.

(What kind of ball did they play?)

Baseball.

(Did you girls have any dolls or anything like that?)

No, we never had no dolls.