

come back and load it on, then we'd go a piece, and get bogged down again. I know, last time I went down there, that's the first and last time I went, because I was, had to be in school all along. And I come back, why, teachers told me that I'd have to go to some other school because I was passed the grade. They didn't grade us, except they-- the only thing I can go by is the books I used to have when I quit school. Was doing about 12th. grade. And that's what he told me, "You're through with 12th. grade, into Junior College now, but we have no teacher, we can't keep you here." So, that's why I was back home. When I got back home, why, then, my parents was as poor as before, didn't have nothing. I proceeded to raise cotton. I tried it for one year at least. I was about 19, I think, 20, maybe 20 years old. And I raised enough cotton--I raised 50 bales of cotton. Hired wagons, they were little wagons those Indians, Choctaws let you have them-- hire them, took all of my cotton to Clarksville, Texas. We went over there, all 20 of us. I felt like I was doing something. I went, only people that I remember was uh, a merchant, two brothers. I used to remember their name, but I forgotten now. But anyhow, I went and talked to him, I was being took just like all time. He says, "Well, I'm sorry, but you're not going to get anymore than \$25.00 for it." "Well, " I said, "It cost me that much to have it hauled up here." "Yeah, I'm sure, but couldn't you have got more at home?" I said, "No, I couldn't, no buyers." So I had to sell it and come back home.

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Next thing I thought, I thought about Peter J. Hudson, my uncle, who had just returned from Hartford, Connecticut from the college there. He graduated and come home to preach. He was a Presbyterian preacher. So, I wrote him. Asked him if I could get the Government of the Choctaw Nation to help me. Scholarship for the four-year term, that's what they used to give them, for four years. And I immediately, just as quick as