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EARLY DAYS BEFORE ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWNS OF PROCTOR AND BARRON

(Zeke Proctor, he was the old man, wasn't he?)

Yeah. Uh-huh. Used to talk about before I was born, I think. Uncle Eli, he was old man when he died and he's been dead for years. But I've heard 'em talk about it.

(Well, let's see, you are 80 years old.)

Yeah, I was 80 years old the first day of this month.

(Well, up and down Tyner Creek here, was there many families when you were a young fellow?)

Oh, not too many. Not half what they are now.

(What was the name of this school up here?)

Clear Fork.

(Clear Fork. That was the only school you had around until they --)

One at Proctor.

(They had one at Proctor. Did you have churches here, too? Did they have many churches around?)

Yeah. They used to be a lot of 'em. Yeah, used to be lot of 'em. Let's see, they's one over there in that holler cross the creek over cross the creek there. They all got shed of their places and moved out. Lot of 'em died out.

(Yeah, a lot of 'em have died here.)

Lots of people died out. There's been three of our family died in the last