

this old lady, the mother of Louis Taylor, she was round over there, round that old water mill you know and she had two boys, they was just little fellers I guess, and I guess they was about to starve out y'know, times was bound to have been rough. But this old lady come over and stayed with my grandmother and my grandfather and she was there when my grandfather was killed and when the Bitting's, well when they come here from back east along in those times, some-time, why I was told that they might a been related to the Taylors, but they come and took over that mill. And I can remember when the Bitting's were still there. And when Bittings' left there -- he was a preacher and a doctor and Luke Tyner went there and he ran that old mill for years, I guess, I don't know how long. Years though. (lady talking for one minute)

THE OLD MILL AT BITTING SPRINGS

(Beond the old mill that's there now, was that the original mill or part of it at Bitting Springs?)

How's that?

(The old that's at Bitting Springs now. That's not the original mill is it?)

They's nothin but jest the site. That's all that's there. Now when Luke Tyner went there, I don't remember now, but I believe, Luke built that old race that they run the water through. It commenced from the spring and jest gradually kept getting higher, y'know. The ground was slope till they got it high enough to go over that old wooden wheel y'know and it eventually rotted down and I suppose that when the Bittings was there, I don't remember how they got the water up there, but I suppose they had something similar.

Woman: When I looked in there and there's water down through there and then they dammed it up some way and then when this race was about this deep or deeper and then when they dammed it up there I would say, then they turned the water loose and over the wheel it went.