

I don't remember whether they sang any Christmas songs or not.

(But back in those days they knew what Christmas was for. And why they were celebrating it.)

COMMUNITY TOOK CARE OF PREACHERS

Yes, yeah. At this church down here. An old Methodist church maybe. There's one old fellow. He had one leg shot off during the Civil War. Cannon, I think, (inaudible) him along. He stopped this ball. Tried to stop this ball. He was the preacher.

(Yeah.)

And it knocked his leg around to one side. And he had to have some of his leg taken off.

(Well.)

And Aunt Lucy always kept the preacher. They'd come here, you know. She had an extra room, and they'd come here. And maybe they'd stay a week. (Inaudible) or something like that. She'd cook for them and wait on them.

(Well, that's about the only way the preachers had of getting by, wasn't it? People take care of them.)

Yeah, uh-huh. And uh--they go in. They's people around here, you know. They kill hogs. And things like that.

(Uh-huh.)

They'd go into the house. And have everything like that to eat.

(Yeah.)

And uh--they'd be horseback. They'd come from--there's a church at Stilwell. And they'd come from there down here to preach.

UNCLE LEVI BECOMES TOO OLD TO OPERATE STORE

((Inaudible) out here. This big log structure. Now was that the original store or was--?)