

(Did they work as hard as you did?)

No, no they spent most of their time riding around.

(Did they have cars?)

No, they didn't have no cars, no cars.

(Horseback?)

Yes, they had horses and they knew they had me to work the crop.

(Did you have to go to work before you went to school in the morning?)

Oh, I had to feed cattle until eight o'clock in the winter time.

(What time did you get up?)

Four o'clock in the morning. And then if I wasn't on the wagon feeding the cattle I had to be on horseback rounding up the cattle to be fed. And I would work until eight and then walk four miles to school after I got through.

(Was it a little country school?)

Yes.

(One room?)

Yes, and they--in those days we had only one teacher for sixty-five or seventy children.

(Twelve grades I guess? Through the eighth grade?)

From the primer up to the eighth grade. Nowadays just one grade all the way through. Different from what it used to be. But seems like I learned more just from the certain teacher we had there than from any other teacher. After I left there I still had to go to a little public school in order to finish my eighth grade. That was in Johnston County after I came back. And I went to school to a man there, and I really did learn a lot from him.

(Let's see, you were seventeen then after you left those people, but you had to finish getting your eighth grade after you were seventeen.)

Uh-huh.

(And then you went on to high school?)