

Yeah. I sat down after a days work there at the store and looked at that big old hill out in front and I think it was beautiful. And we had a goat--stray goat come in there. And every evening he'd come down off that ledge and mama and my husband and me would sit out on the porch late in the afternoon and watch that goat. And them Britches claimed it, and they come in with a pack of dogs and killed it, and we just grieved over that goat.

(Well.)

I don't think that goat belonged to them. At least they didn't have a leash on it. They just found out he was coming in there and you know, it had been year or two since it had been to harvest. You know, they hire (not clear)--

#### CHURCHES IN THE EARLY DAYS IN THIS COMMUNITY

(What was your first churches in that community?)

Well, it was General Baptist.

(When did it start?)

Well, it was up at the Porter school house. I guess in about 1912. It was pretty close to 1912. Maybe before then, I don't know. It might have been, they had church and Sunday school--I wouldn't know about it and all.

(They didn't use the school house?)

They didn't use it at that time, I don't think. They had it for protracted meetings. They'd come from Illinois River and first one place and another. After the Thompson's moved in there--there's so many--well he's kin--they're kin to the Bells. His wife--Bells wife, and there's Billy Thompson had moved in up there and Willie Thompson and that was just passed on down to the children there you know.

#### THERE WERE SOME ROUGH PEOPLE IN THE EARLY DAYS - TOUGH

(In addition to the Thompsons and the Bells, who were some of the other early pioneers and settlers up in there?)

George Shankel, he's dead. And he's--this here woman that waited on you down