

FAMILY BUILT THE SCHOOL AND A CHURCH

(Yeah. And who started the Rider School first down there? That was your folks, wasn't it?)

Yeah, we started that. We built that house. We built it for a church house at first, you know. Few children around there. But we built that. And we built that church house there. After statehood then, bunch of people moving in there and they brought their children, we give them an acre of ground there, and we give them the school house. And they made a school out of it--made a school district, and then we give them the land and house to go with it too. They made a school out of it. They still preach there like they did before, but they made a school house out of it.

(You remember who was the teachers down there to begin with?)

Yeah, Bob Dennenburg's wife was one of them, Mary Dennenburg, and DeeDee Neeley. I guess she is still living yet. She was--Bob's wife was her aunt. Her name is Neeley now, DeeDee is. And there was Martin, old man Bill Martin. He was another old settler there. Well, DeeDee teached that school for a long time and Carrie Goodman teached it a long time. Jewel McCollough teached it a long time, and, oh, what was that woman? She didn't teach very long, I forget what her name was. I never knew really, but I forget. She was a white woman, come from somewhere. I forget her name. But anyway them was the first to teach along there. Mrs. Dennenburg, DeeDee Neeley, Julia Martin was then and Carrie Goodman and Luke McCollough girl, Jewel McCollough, they teached there.

EARLY DAY FAMILIES

(Do you remember any of the Indian families that used to live down in there?)

Who?

(And of the Cherokee families.) \

Oh, yeah, they was all Cherokees that lived in there then. They're all