

No. In our group the Lowreys. My grandmother and my grandfather, they settled in there pretty early. They put out the first orchard that was ever put out in this area. She used to keep the missionary. The first schools they had there were the Indians--the missionaries came in there and stayed with my grandmother. They built a little log school house over there and had school there. They stayed at my grandmother's. I've heard them tell about that.

(Did they have a name for that school? Lot of 'em didn't, you know. They just had school period.)

Dad said he went to school one day.

(Well)

And they talked the missionary in a notion of going fishing that day. So they all went fishing the only day he ever went to school. He couldn't write his name or didn't know it when he saw it wrote, see.

(Yeah.)

Well, they taught without pay.

(Oh yeah. It must have been a struggle for some--)

Missionary spirit.

FARM PRODUCE WAS SHIPPED BY RAILROAD

(Yeah. That's all that kept 'em going. But the children, they were eager to learn. Apparently, they done good because some of 'em made substantial citizens.

Well, was Briartown, did it have some business houses and stores at one time?)

Oh, there used to be two stores there and post office, and Oddfellow Lodge Hall and one doctor and a depot. At one time, you know, they ship lots of--well back early they used to ship peaches out of there in boxcars. I can remember that when I was a kid. Load 'em in straw and boxcars and ship 'em out. And then they went into shipping produce. They raised, oh carloads after carloads of sweetcorn before they had the big floods in that bottom. They raise cucumbers and sweetcorn. Ship that out of there. That went back east. Chicago, New