

(The Cherokee tribe had built the building originally?)

Yeah--I spent my best days in school right there. The old Male Seminary.

(What are some of the unusual things that happened that you might remember, besides the syrup and molasses bit that you remember? That was some enjoyment and pleasure? What was it?)

Well, we'd go out into the country and buy eggs and we'd go out away from the building and build us a fire and boil those eggs and eat 'em. We did that a lot of times.

(Did you have pretty good food, there at the school?)

Yeah, we had plenty good food. Navy beans was our main dish. We had plenty to eat. Some of the boys didn't like the food. I expect some of them had more there than they did at home. I imagine they did.

(Most of them speak Cherokee?)

Yeah, most of them talked Cherokee.

(Did the school officials object to you talking Cherokee?)

No.

(Did you have two brothers in school with you when you went there?)

Just one.

(That was George?)

George.

(Did Frank ever go there?)

Yeah. After I quit there.

UTILITIES AT SCHOOL:

(You were telling me about the utilities there. What kind of lights did you have there?)

They had electric. And of course we had wood stoves. We burned wood.

(That your main heat?)

Yeah. UH-huh.

(What about your water supply?)

As we said while ago we had a farm boss there that hauled water from the spring in a big tank. And we'd carry water from the tank for our room use.