

And first thing I knew, I was speaking English.

TAUGHT FATHER TO SPEAK ENGLISH

And one thing about this school, well, during vacation, when vacation came around, there lot of books, you know, that were too old to use for the next years. And we'd take them home and my little sister and I would in turn teach our dad, you know, what we learned. In that way, he could speak English by the time he passed away and everything. (Well, that's good. In other words, at first he couldn't speak any English.)

Huh-uh. No, he couldn't speak at all. He couldn't very well write his name. But he learned and what we taught him.

(Was he ever remarried again?)

Well, he did just about a year before his death. And I was sixteen when he passed away.

(Well, how old were you when you finally finished at Sequoyah?)

I was almost nineteen.

(Uh-huh. And then you went back home after that.)

Yeah, I went back home. And then I married.

DETAIL REPORT ON FAMILY OF TWELVE CHILDREN

(You met your husband up there around Stilwell?)

Yeah. Uh-huh. Yeah, on this side of Stilwell. Six miles on this side of Stilwell. We made a home there. And as the years went on, we had the children.

(How many children did you have, Ida?)

I have ten. Six boys and four girls. And I have about that many grandchildren, now.

(That's a nice size family.)

Yeah. And the older ones, they know the hard times that we came through, you know, when they were little. They remember that.