

HARDSHIPS AND SCHOOL TRAVEL

(Yeah, the name is still there. Well, what did you folks use for school house when you were a young fellow?)

Well, there used to be an old school house right over there. It was just an old box house. Some body used to live there, I guess.

We come back, we went to there. We walked.

(All that way?)

All that way.

(My goodness, that's a long ways to walk.)

Quite aways. Sometime when the river gets so low, we just wade across.

Dave Downing running a boat. He let us across in a little boat, and, then, we come on. In the evenings, we go back, and he'd let us cross.

He had a great big boat, and a cable, plum across it, bank to bank.

Had to turn it. They had the rollers up there, and had his boat tied

to on to this boat. When you turn it a little bit, the boat just

sail away.. When you come back, you just turn it the other way, and

you come cross again. That boat down there, it was owned by a man

named Sam Grayson. He was a Cherokee guy. He had it long time.

When they change around, then, there was a woman come in. Her name was Ryley, come in there. She came on horseback with a side saddle.

(Side saddle, I haven't seen one of those in a long time.)

I don't see how in the world she stayed on. She roped too. She just hang on there. She was riding pretty horse too, a Roan.

(Rough road too, I guess.)

Yeah.

(Did your school have a name or did they call it any name?)