

Yeah, at a country school, name of Bethel. Way up there, that time.

(Named Bethel School?)

Uh-huh. Country school up there. Me and my sister and my brother --ones that gone.

(Did you get to go very far?)

No, I just went to the fifth grade. That's all the far I went. Some of our friends and neighbors lived there. Well, all the kids went to school together up there.

(You had to walk then--wasn't any buses to pick you up?)

Nope. No, we always face the north wind in the wintertime.

(Was it very far to walk?)

Oh, I guess it was about three miles. About three miles, we all walked.

(You didn't go home for lunch, did you?)

Huh-uh. No, we took our lunch with us. In them days they didn't cook at the school. You had to take your own lunch. The way I always do, be carrying a big eight pound bucket with our lunch in it. That's three of us. But now kids won't carry a bucket to school with their lunch.

(No, I know they won't.)

But I know we used to carry an eight pound bucket with our lunch in it.

(And what kind of things would you take for lunch?)

Well, sometimes we would have biscuits and gravy sandwich. That's all. And sometimes bread and gravy. Sometime, well, we have, well, we'll have biscuit and meat sandwich.

(Maybe salt bacon and something like that?)