

(Well.)

And it wasn't---it was a Catalpa.

(A catalpa.)

I owned that place there. Oh forty year, better fifty years, I guess, and this old catalpa tree was still standing there. What I mean the base was at, you know and I know there was a reporter from, I believe, it was the Tulsa World come there one day. I don't know why he happened up there, but he went and--he got a tape. He wanted to measure that tree, and I forgot how many feet around it was. Seven-something bigger than eight feet around it. He was just stretching around the thing. He was figuring and he told me about how many feet through that tree was.

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Oh, really I can't hardly describe it. Kinda like, oh, it wasn't very big, but kinda like they built the whole school house.

(Yeah.)

You remember how they built them.

(did it have a bell tower?)

No.

(No church tower.)

All the seats was just church seats. There wasn't no desk or anything. We sat there with our books. All the children.

(That must have been hard going. No desk.)

This lady lived right close to where we lived. I was raised five miles south of here where the road turns due south.

(Yeah.)

Go down here to the five mile corner and you go down there and then you turn east there. Where you turn south there, I was raised there on that corner.