

the bank. There was an old house down there and me and my sister set out hooks every night--she set out one and I set out one and we have fish on them every morning. We had plenty of fish all the time. And my father, he come to Eufaula and it rained that morning and it rained all day. Oh, all these creeks was up and my father can't get home and we went to sleep. Next morning my mother wake us up early in the morning and this river was way up to the bank and fixing to come out. We better get out of here. She got us up and we started out to Cy Gray's house. He lived on the bank there on the high hill. We started over there and water already cut across between Gray's and our house. Water already cut across, had surrounded us and my mother said, "We can't stay here, the river's rising fast." So we hand on to our mother, we waded, water coming up to my neck and I sure did cry. (Laughter) And we come up to Cy Gray's house and he said, "We fixin' to come down there to get you all." And we eat breakfast with him and less than hour we went to high bank there and water was all over our house, just the top sticking out. And chicken was sittin' on top of the house and we stay there--we stay Cy Gray's house till the water went down and we had a lot of washing to do and mud and everything in the house, we had to clean up but we lived back down there. And moved from there to Vivian. Double log house and rock chimneys on each end. We moved there in winter time and we got some wood and we lived there. But, where I used to live in log house, wasn't no floor in it, just a ground floor. We lived there. And later on my mother built a house--a new house, and we moved there when I was very small child like. I never did see no door knobs, white like that before. I was sittin' on the porch cryin' and cryin' and cryin' and my mother says "What you cryin' so much for." I told her I want them biscuits on the door. (Laughter). They was door knobs. I never did see nothing like that before.

FOOD IN EARLY DAYS

We lived there and raised crops and we was dependent on corn and cotton and