

(What was that school like when you went there?)

By gum, it was a good school. It had nine months of school there.

If you stayed there and boarded there, they'd board you, school you, furnish all your books. All you needed was your clothes and your pencil and paper. By gum, and they boarded you, give you your books, for three dollars a month--twenty-seven dollars for nine months. And if you just lived down here, anywhere down here, like I done, sometimes I'd board over here across the creek. And we could go for fifty cents a month. All your food, everything furnished. But, I mean, they taught you the abc's from right on up.

(Do you remember any of the old teachers that was there?)

Yeah, Mrs. Montgomery, Ferguson, Buchannon, Hunt, oh, gosh, I don't know, there was several around there. (static on tape) If you came out of there with an eighth grade education, why, it was just like gettin' a highschool education over here where they got school now.

(Words not clear) lived in Arkansas over in Eureka Springs. (Interruption)

On up above from Welling there, a little ways up the creek. And I don't know just what happened whether it burnt down or blew away or something, but they moved it down here.

(Well, that was an interesting part of the Cherokee Nation, isn't it?)

On Baron Fork, a lot of people lived---

#### LOG HOUSE STILL STANDING - BUILT BEFORE CIVIL WAR

Little old place way down yonder, but it is just out east right out there now. You couldn't even figure taxes on it. That old building, it's still standin' down there. That big old double log house was built before the Civil War. Yeah, and it's still standin'. It's on