

bushes right near by and we'd have a little grill like, laid across the, some rocks set up as an oven like and we'd lay that meat up on there and build a little fire under it and kept turning it over till it was cooked. We'd just really eat it, sit around eat and play and we done that many times and so when they didn't have no meat drying around there why I'd just, be out in the woods or, don't misunderstand me there was plenty to eat at home but I just done that to be eating out in the woods somewhere. That was just one of my ways of doing, you know, playing around and being gone all the time. I'd play the woods, you know, climbing, jumping from one tree to another like a squirrel. I would just play on trees. Many times I fell, its a wonder I didn't break my neck, but I sometimes I'd get skinned up, but that didn't worry me. And when I cut myself any where on the hands, feet, I would just rub fresh dirt over it and kinda blotted out my blood from the wounds and finally it would just quit. Lot of times they used to tell me that if you let the dog lick your wound it would heal. I guess some people would be afraid to do that, but I have dog with me whenever I got cut up like I just let the dog lick it and when it was near healing time, when he licked it sure kinda got to where it itch you know, make me itch, you know and I liked that though when he licked it. It just kinda tickled me like and I done things like that and carefree boy in the woods. I wasn't scared of nothing and 'till when I grew up, old enough to ride horses my father had stock of all kinds, cows, hogs, chickens, and everything that you could find on a farm. He had many cattles--cattle--and would--they started me attending them, watching them, rounding them, keeping them rounded up, kinda grazing them from one place to the other and to watch them from getting out pasture you know into somebody else's pasture or field. So, I had that job now, riding a horse, watching the cattle. Lot of times when I was out in the pasture, about 120 acres of it I would take cattle the cattle here and then, most of the time I took