

WORKED HARD WHILE GROWING UP

(Did you have to work in the field?)

Yeah, we--. And every evening we'd be so tired, but we had to milk a cows. We had ten or twelve cows to milk when we come back from the field. And before we go to the field we had to milk them cows. But I had a sister. She was married. When I remember her in--then, she come back. Her husband left her with four boys. And she come back home. And she stayed with us. Me and her had to get up ever morning at four o'clock. Cook breakfast. The rest of them stay in bed. My daddy get up little while. And the room we slept in, slept in. And the kitchen we had to go, it was another log house. And we had to go-- we got that other room and then walk about twelve steps to that other house. I don't care how hot the sun was it was we had to get out there and go in that kitchen and cook.

(Sound like they were rough days.)

It was rough days but we didn't think it was. (Laughter)

(You think they were good days.)

Uh-hum. I believe it is. Now days we got rooms and doors and windows and then we don't get outside to get in the kitchen. But we did in our days.

(But you liked it though, didn't you?)

I liked it. And on wash day -- Well, the spring was might near a quarter of a mile. And had to come up hill to bring the water up. But we went down there. And we had big old wash pot and have it down there. And early of a morning we go down there and fill that pot with water. Then we had to hunt wood and build a fire around it, big fire around that thing. And come back, get our clothes and go down there. Sometime we rub all day long. Didn't have no washing machine or nothing. We rub all them clothes and then we had to bring it up, hang them out and finish the rest of them. Then we had to carry water