

WONDERFUL FARMING LAND BEFORE FLOOD IN 1943

(Look like that land would grow most anything.)

Well, they have nothing but cotton down here in the bottom now. They haven't the last few years, but, you know, when there is a flood, it just washes things Ruins things around. Just ruins the ground for a while. But then it all growe up and cotton would grow. Then they got in there and pushed it down. Been planting it again.

(What year did the floods come that really made the big change?)

I think it was in '43 (1943). It was in the 40's when we had that last big flood. See it had taken out a part of the bridge.

SCHOOL BUILDING USED FOR COMMUNITY PURPOSES

(Briartown also has a school too, doesn't it?)

It don't now.

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School is out now. They had to have so many kids and teachers.

(Was that that big stone building up here?)

Yeah.

(Well, that's a beautiful thing. My goodness, seem like a shame to just let it stand there.)

They made it into a community center. They have elections up there.

(Well, that's good.)

Lot of people wants to have funerals there. There's two old church houses here and they're not big enough to hold a very big crowd if there's a lot of people there. So they have it up there at the school house. Somebody said almost all the front broke out.

PROMINENT PEOPLE IN EARLY DAYS

(Well. Has Briartown ever had a doctor here?)

Yeah. Dr. Gulley was here.

(Well)