

trucks only transportation was by teams and was on several friends help made the trip. I heard they have come home, my heart you could hear it beat, I did not know how we to break the news to the old folks on both sides of the families. We had kept it very secret and no one knows we were friends she was only 15 years and I was 19 next birthday. Our previous plans were that we was to tell the old people our plans of uniting in marriage and it was my place to come over to their house, which I chose to come under the cover of darkness as I did not know results or the answer, I rode my pony to about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the house and tied it up on the creek in a brush then I walk over to the house of course she had told me if I came in dark what window and room she would e. The hour was late but as I walk it seems the ground shook at every step. So about a hundred yards from the house I took off my shoes, still it looks every step was heard. Very dark I find she already had window open expecting me to appear she was not sleep. I came in through the window there we talk and finish our final plan's. She was the one to tell her folks all our plans and that I was already here in her room it was early day breaking while her mother was cooking breakfast, she went in to get me a drink a glass of water and wash basin. What are you going to do. Then she open up our secret. After she told her mother she came and gave me the water and waited awhile the old Lady call in her old Man and told him the news she went back to get the answer? She said they were excited a great surprrise they didn't even know she was in love. They all came in together she led them in. They heartily both approved it. And were happy, she and I went out and got my shoes and hat. She sent her father after my horse  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile up the creek, he brought it in, this happen on Satureday night, and before we ate breakfast some one came for breakfast and it was the preacher, Rev. Kicking Bird. There I had my 1st breakfast with the family and met our Pastor, whom we were to work with he also approved our uniting because we were Christians from Christian families. They all went to church but I went back home to get dress up as at the church they will break the news and someone will want to come in and see I look like. My mother told me after church, where they