

No, I don't have now, we didn't have now...now. I used to go out and help my husband pull corn. Drive the wagon while he pulled. Pull and throw the corn in the wagon. And I picked cotton, but I didn't pick cotton much. (Must have been hard for a girl.)

It was hard work.

(Did the girls help you with your washing and cooking?)

No, I just had - no, girls died when they was babies and I just had one. She was little when we moved to town, we did all the washing when we moved to town. Gas - we had a gas washing machine.

(Was she one of the younger children?)

She was number - I got my boys numbered - 5. 6. She was number 5.

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(Well let's see...were there a lot of white people around?)

Uh-huh. Well, not too many. Not too many.

(Did you ever have any trouble with them?)

No. They used to come over to our house every Sunday evening and sing.

We had an old organ - my sister played the organ.

(Oh, Was your father there?)

Uh-huh.

(Did you ever hear any of his sermons, ever listen to him preach?)

Yeah.

(Did you enjoy him?)

Oh, yes.

(How did he like a Baptist? Wasn't Thomas a Baptist, coming into the family?)

He liked it. It was all right. Was kind of like I say myself, "It isn't the denomination that's going to save you, it's what you = your heart and what you do and all that."

(Do you know what made him decide to become a minister?)