

about 11. And Eddie he was--I bought them--I sold the big tractor and I bought one of those smallest John Deer's, it's smallest two row, John Deer's. And that ten year old he just took that tractor and used it and layed off rows just straight as any man, and handled just like any man could. Then during that settling year then after we were left alone, I had appendicitis and I haven't been very strong since then. But I stayed with the farm as long as the boys would stay. Eddie was 16 and he said, "Mama, I'm so tired of farming I don't know what to do." And he'd gone to the summer down to Dallas and worked--my Ft. Worth and worked with his brother-in-law down there. and he knew he could get work and so he had worked enough with them, that they offered him a job through the summer, and he said and then I'll come back and go to college this winter. But said I don't intend to farm. And he said if you want go sell it sell it. And the first chance I got I sold it. Cause I was worn out. I couldn't stay there and run it by myself. I could have got somebody to work it but they wouldn't be very much in it. And I got a good price for it, so I sold it.

FATHER'S OCCUPATION AS A PREACHER:

(You said your father didn't make very good money as a preacher--was it one of these situations where the people would pay in crops or whatever they could?)

Yeah, that was back in those days. He run the farm, or we children mostly run the farm and he would go out and hold meetings. And sometimes he'd have a church for a while--but he liked the missionary work. And of course it wasn't organized in Oklahoma then, where they pay. If he went and preached he just had to depend on the church wherever he preached paying it.

(Those people were usually pretty tight weren't they?)

Oh, they was. You see, we had that depression in there in 1908 and the teachers school teachers couldn't get anything. The school teachers couldn't cash their check. They-- if the banks cashed their checks they'd doc a percent of them. Times have been awfully good, they've been awfully bad.

TEACHING SCHOOL:

We began to scatter out, and I taught school when I got a change, when I could.