

to the words direct they put out why you go ahead on. That's way to twelve grade. But they changed the spelling book after the fourth grade. I never got much schooling. Most of my school was on the fireside, working for the other fellow. He gave me little thing else. I never learned how to read and write very well and figure. As far as I go in mathematics, I done forgot it all. I count way better than anybody. Had good memory, I can count as far as you can figure. My daddy couldn't read and write. He could just barely sign his name. And if you sold a bale of cotton and told him what it was weighed, and what you got per pound and do the figuring on it, why he'd tell you in the time you figured, before you figured how many dollars and nickels it'd cost. (He just had a head for figures, didn't he?)

Yes. He didn't have no chance for learning.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS

(Sometimes those schools didn't last very long, did they?)

No, three months is all we get. With a salaried teacher, three months is all we got. And each district had same teacher who taught four districts.

(Four? You say four? Did you say the same teacher taught four districts?)

No, it was two districts, three months here - that's summer, then the next district school would be a winter school. See?

(Summer term and a winter term, wasn't it?)

Yes, took one in summer and one in winter. And that's the way I'd get more out of school - I guess I got in every two months schooling. They only charge fifty cents a month. (laughter)

LONG WORK HOURS AND LITTLE PAY

(Fifty cents a month. Wasn't that something?)

That was a lot of money then.