

And they used to go to Clouch and they'd buy supplies up there. They could go to Clouch cheaper. They'd buy buckets, tubs, and pans, and what have you. Then they'd - - we lived right on the road and they'd come back by and they'd trade that for food from us. They'd get food from - - I remember mother cooking, this was later years, she'd cook them these biscuits. Bake a big pan of biscuits for these squaws. Then they'd take and butter the biscuits and tuck 'em in their bosoms. ((Laughter)) It was very funny for us kids. We'd trade food for calico. They liked fried chicken. - She traded chickens for different things that they had. Calico was all the kind of material that we knew of then. They'd buy calico, they'd buy it over at Clouch. I don't think we had any money to buy things like that. The Indians had money and they'd go over there and buy stuff and they'd come back by and trade. So we had our clothes, got our materials for sometime. Now I can remember when my sister was born. We lived in a log cabin, and it come a cyclone in May. I'm over three years older than she is and my daddy put us all to bed and covered us up with mother. And the storm blowed all the chinking out. In other words, it just raised the building up and let it back down and all the chinking fell out. That's what they had between the logs. A lot of people now-a-days don't know what chinking was. They were cut like a rail and they were put in there with mud to dry and stuff between the logs. And it blowed all this out and they held up a blanket or quilt or something around the bed to keep the water off of us. My daddy always made - - in the Spring he made his own molasses - - raised his own cane. And we had our potatoes and corn. (You said there used to be a fairly large settlement of Indians across the River?) Well, there was a camp. I don't know how many was in it. It was a small camp. They used to come across to our place and there's not anything that thrills me more than to see Indians was at a laundry, because I saw them wash in the Washta River; wash their clothes and just rinse 'em out in that clear water and maybe it wasn't clear.