

day. Eggs were money then. No one handled very much money. But everybody brought eggs. And eggs was our money. When we had to pay for our groceries you know, our merchandise that we had to bring in from Grove, why we took eggs to town, we took eggs to Grove and that was our money. We didn't handle very much money in those days. But there was nothing at all to counting as many as 50 crates of eggs a day, down there. Any Saturday in the springtime you know, we would buy as many as 50 crates of eggs a day. And people came there with their eggs, you know. They bought their dry goods, they bought groceries. We had a big Cherokee trade. Just an awful big Cherokee trade there. My father spoke broken Cherokee there. He could always talk Cherokee with them. And my father's name was Henry Williams, and he died down there among those people and is buried in Zena cemetery. He went there in 1912 and he passed away in 1954. Buried down there among those people.

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(This Zena community, is anything left there now?)

Yes. There's a good store there.

(How would you get to it?)

Zena? You go on the highway from Jay towards Grove and then there is a big sign there that says Zena four miles and you turn west. And then there is a good black top road that leads into Zena now. They have a wonderful Missionary Baptist Church there. And a good store there. Their school has been considered at one time, one of the finest schools in Delaware county. But since the lake filled up all around them so much, and water has backed up Drowning Creek there and so many people had to leave there that they lost their school. They have buses. They transfer to Grove now. And all those children - everybody have hogs in the woods because in the fall there was large oak trees and every fall there would be what they call a big mast you know. And the hogs wouldn't have to be fed out to long until they were ready for the market. With that money the people bought their children school clothes with. They depended on taking hogs to