

Why, you'd take and punch holes through these boards and take and whittle out you a bunch of pegs and put these clapboards and build you a roof. And you'd use wooden pins to put your boards on. Then they got to where they got nails. And they could do the same thing, they could take these nails. . . well if people have lived all these years and they have had to figure out how to build a roof to keep their family dry and they build their log houses,

BUILDING LOG HOUSES AND FIREPLACES

and they'd take wooden pins and put and fasten those logs together, one on top of the other and those. . . so it's, it was what, well they could take a piece of metal and they could take and get a kind of a hook on that and drive a nail through the board to make a head board and a footboard. They could take that piece of metal and hook that to it and make that. . . or they could take and put 'em a hole through the board and put a pin through it and hold it, those boards together, hold them boards together. And they could make their own bedsteads, and so. . . they could make their slats. And they done it all themselves. And so that's the way that the people lived. . . they used to make that kind of stuff 'stead of goin' to a store and buying it.

MAKING RAILS FOR RAIL FENCES

(How were those rails made for those rail fences?)

Well, now they used a, they took what they called the iron wedges and the old wooden grip, and they'd split them. They'd cut them a log the length they wanted their rail. They'd take these wedges and what they called the wooden grips, and they'd split them rails and then they'd make what rails they needed or what it would take the amount of fence they wanted. And they made them rails themselves, and they built their fences. And that was one thing they could do.