

HEWED LOG HOUSE WAS OLD HOME

(The log house that you lived in, how was it constructed? Was it just the big rooms like the used to have?)

No, it was a hewed log house. I can just remember it. And had a side room on the side. They tore it down you see, and then they built this with strip payment. You heard of strip payment. And we moved here, right up here from it, and they build down below close to the spring. There's a spring on the place. And I own that place. Did own it. Now I've let my son have it. And it's got a good spring on it, and old house built during strip payment is still there.

(Did they have spring houses in those days to keep the food and stuff?)

Yes. Keep milk. We had a milk box. But several had--over here at the Morrow place--they had a rock spring house. Don't keep house anymore, just do what I can when I can. . . .

METHOD FOR PRESERVING AND DRYING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

(Well, I've often wondered how, in those early days, people kept their foods and prepared them for winter use, and I've heard about dried corn and dried beans and so on.)

Well, my mother used to dry corn.

(And dried pumpkin, fruits. How did they prepare some of those.)

Oh, I always clean the pumpkin and hung them up. We hung them out by the fireplace you know. But now I've saw people hang them out in the yard, you know, a line. But we. . . just look like they wouldn't be fit to eat, but wash it and cook it, in a blackpot. I remember Mother used to dry pumpkin. And then fruit and things would dry--berries, black berries, dry them. We dried peaches and things like that.

(Well, you had to do that to keep things. . . .)

Well, I was just wonderin' myself how we kept things that way. Cook a lot up, you know, and put, we'd cover it, mosquito bars over them. . . I've seen my mother do that.