

She recalls that domestic poultry was hard to keep in early times in the Bushyhead-Foyil area. Her mother tried several times to raise some chickens, but coyotes and bobcats caught them.

She says winter storms were more severe in her early years than they are now. Once a snow storm came up so fast it covered the fruit trees in a short time. The snow froze quickly forming an ice coating. The trees were not harmed as they still gave off enough warmth to cause a hollow to form around the limbs. She remembers a snow storm in 1886 when the snow was so high it came up to her father's shoulders after he had shoveled a path to the spring. That was when they lived east of Stillwell.

She talks of her first school experience. East of Stillwell was a little log building they called Clearwater School which was the first she attended. Later she went to Eden School north of Stillwell, which was supported by the Cherokee Nation. Mr. Willie Woodall, a Cherokee, was the teacher when she went there. After moving to Bushyhead area, she went to Ward's Grove School. Later she attended the Cherokee Normal Academy at Park Hill to complete her education.