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An interview with Monty Daley, ..
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A Tie Hacker

I worked out of Calvin for years making ties. I had a tent and just moved from one location to another; as soon as the timber would get scarce; that is, when the good tie timber had been cut, I would move to some other place.

This moving around was not so bad in summer but in winter it was pretty tough. I hauled my own ties; I would cut ties four days a week and haul two days and Sunday was used to sharpen the tools and go over the wagon and harness.

I never made any money out of tie cutting. Beans, bread and salt meat were usually all I was able to buy to eat and being always on the move I could not raise any hogs and salt meat was the best that I could buy.

I did always try to keep a cow because the cow was easy to move.

My children did not get any schooling until I quit the hills and moved into town. By that time I had a boy fourteen and a girl twelve who had never been in school.