

Interviewee: Flora K. Bowman

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JB: Where were you born? Were you born here or?

FB: No I was born in Greene County on Middle Creek

JB: On Middle Creek?

FB: On Middle Creek?

JB: Is that down on...?

FB: No on Camp Creek

JB: Camp Creek. Okay I know where Camp Creek is. Okay.

FB: I was born before we moved to Middle Creek.

JB: Okay uh, they shouldn't put this on here for ladies, but it says when is your birthday (laughter). When were you born? What year?

FB: 1897.

JB: 1897. Okay what month and day?

FB: First day of November.

JB: Oh, it's not far from now is it! Well happy birthday early. My husband's birthday is about, it's tomorrow so it's, close to his. Well isn't that something, well congratulations. Isn't that something. Okay let's see here. Now are you a member of any clubs or organizations or how what church do you go to?

FB: Yeah, I go to Cedar Grove Church.

JB: Cedar Grove. Now where is that from here?

FB: It's just up the road down there.

JB: Okay, well now do you have, is there like a Ladies Aid or anything there?

FB: We used to have it, but they're all gone. I'm the oldest one. I'm the oldest one at our church.

JB: Oh are you?

FB: I'm the oldest one. We used to belong, but they all died. And see, we just got no...

JB: Oh I see, well did you used to get together to quilt and stuff like that?

FB: Oh yeah, oh yeah. Some of them just died.

JB: Did ya?

FB: We were building a new church we just went through and painted it and everything.

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JB: Well huh. And you went to, before they had the new church they got now?

FB: Mhm.

JB: Was the old one right where this one is?

FB: Well, right beside it?

FB: Right beside it?

JB: Well just a little down.

FB: Uh huh uh huh. I'm not too familiar with area you know so but anyway okay. Have you ever been to any of the clubs beside or before or anything like that?

FB: No I've never been to any of them.

JB: Okay let's see. Where did you go to school?

FB: I went to Chestnut Ridge School.

JB: Chestnut Ridge. Now is that still standing?

FB: No no it's a long time ago a schoolhouse. They turned it into a church now.

JB: Oh where's that?

FB: It's about over on 701.

JB: Oh the cut out 701 cut out. Is that the one. The one that from Horse Creek down towards...

FB: Uh huh.

JB: Yeah? Now do you know the name of what the church is? Do you know the name of the church?

FB: It burnt up the other day (laughter).

JB: Oh it did? Was that the one in the paper?

FB: Yeah. That's the one.

JB: Yeah I remember but I don't remember the name of it but I saw that.

FB: I forget what denomination it is.

JB: Oh okay.

FB: Now they turned it, I don't know if they tore all of it down and rebuilt the church. I just don't know about that.

JB: Well now was that when you, when you talk about the church over there was that like when you lived in Camp Creek?

FB: No.

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JB: Or was that considered part of Horse Creek?

FB: I know I lived on Middle Creek then.

JB: Oh, okay I see.

FB: We moved from Camp Creek, a farm on Camp Creek. I don't know. I haven't been down there, and then we moved.

JB: Ok okay like I wasn't sure how far up that was. Okay that's fine. Now let's see. When you finished school there did you get any other training of any kind?

FB: No.

JB: Okay let's see. Where have you lived now within the Horse Creek area? You know, is right here where you are living now the only place?

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FB: Oh no I lived in two or three houses.

JB: Well that's fine, I'd like to know where they are. Yeah that'd be fine.

FB: Well you turn, did you come down the road?

JB: I came from the highway.

FB: Well one of them you go up there and turn on your left and it's the little house down below where you turn off another road...

JB: Okay, do you know anybody...

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JB: I'll stop and let you answer that, that'd be fine.

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JB: (laughter) Okay let's see now. We left off where we were talking about where you used to live add and does that got a name of so and so place so we'll know where that is?

FB: (inaudible)

JB: Okay, well maybe somebody will know where that is then because I'm not very good at that okay?
Well now you say you lived somewhere else too?

FB: Oh, I we lived uh, we had a big house and a farm just right over there.

JB: Oh close to where we are sitting?

FB: Yeah you see that building over there? Right there beside there, it was torn down.

JB: It was torn down? Well.

FB: Yeah it was torn down.

JB: Did somebody buy that place or something?

FB: No that was my farm, I turned it over to the children, to the kids, and when my husband died...so I turned it over to the kids (inaudible).

JB: Oh I see I see. So that was where your husband and you lived when you had your family?

FB: Yeah.

JB: This place right next to here okay. Now let's see. Is there any sort of way you could guess that like what years you lived over there in that big house or anything?

FB: We lived in over there in that big house about...Before I moved here and I've been here 20 years.

JB: In this house right here?

FB: Yeah and I lived up there about let's see (short pause)

JB: so that's about in the 60's I guess when you moved here?

FB: Yeah.

JB: So you lived in that big house until the 60's. Do you know when you moved in it?

FB: I don't know.

JB: Well, was it when you got married or?

FB: No no we lived several other places before we moved in here but we lived up there about 25 years now.

JB: Ok that's fine that's fine. And then you lived at this other house up here right before that?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Did you live there very long?

FB: well let's see we lived a few years...

JB: Ok so you've lived in this community for what, 60 or 70 years ?

FB: 69.

JB: Yeah.

FB: 69, 68 years.

JB: Well goodness gracious, you are an expert, aren't you?

JB: Now let's see did any other generations live here or are you just the first one to move in, like your mom and daddy. Did anybody live here?

FB: Here in this house?

JB: No here in Horse Creek itself?

FB: Oh no I moved from Middle Creek to Horse Creek.

JB: Okay, so your people are from somewhere else then?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Ok okay, let's see. Now right now, are you the only one. You live here by yourself?

FB: Mhm.

JB: Ok but, now you said you had how many children?

FB: I've got two of them.

JB: Okay, do they live here close by you?

FB: My daughter does yeah, she lives right up there. Right in that house, right there and the other one lives at (inaudible).

JB: Were they born in that?

FB: No, they weren't born in this house.

JB: They weren't?

FB: They were born down in the, where my niece....

JB: Oh in the other house, okay but they were born in Horse creek though?

FB: Yeah, they were born in Horse Creek.

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JB: So at least this one daughter has lived here all her life, hadn't she?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Ok ok. Let's see. How about your late husband, was he from here, is that why ya'll moved here?

FB: Yes.

JB: And his family had lived here before?

FB: Yeah, they had a house just up the road.

JB: Well what were his, do you remember what his parent's names were?

FB: Yeah, Jack Bowman and [inaudible]

JB: And they've lived here a long time?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Did you all move into the, like on their place when you got married?

FB: Yeah yeah.

JB: Okay okay. Do your daughters have any children or anything? How big is your family now?

FB: This daughter up here has one girl, one child. And she has a granddaughter, and a great grandchild. And the other one, she's got two grandchilds.

JB: Ok that's fine. Now let's think just about what it looked like here a long time ago. Try to think back about how it looked different and stuff and I'll you a few questions about that kind of stuff. You already told me that you all lived on a farm right, that's what you did for a living?

FB: Yeah.

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JB: Well what, do you know how big, how many acres is it, is it now like it used to be?

FB: Well the farm when I turned 18, when we bought this farm, we didn't have [inaudible] well, I forget what it is now, about 70 some acres, I believe....I just can't remember.

JB: I know this is pretty level land here. I always thought that Horse Creek as just being really hilly but this looks like pretty good here.

FB: Yeah, it's pretty.

JB: Is there a creek or any water around?

FB: Yeah, we've got Horse Creek down here.

JB: Oh, you do, I bet that's pretty isn't it. Did you picnic or anything along there alot? That's what I'd be doing.

FB: All of the kids used to go in the stream.

JB: Oh did they? Now let's get back to talking about the farming here I don't want to get off track too bad. If you did that for a living what kinds of things did you do you know like what crops did you raise or did you have cows or what?

FB: Yeah we milked cows and raised corn and tobacco.

JB: And took tobacco into sell and stuff?

FB: Mhm.

JB: The corn what? To just mainly feed the cows?

FB: To feed the cows.

JB: So, your tobacco was your only money?

FB: That was the only money, that and the milk cows.

JB: Oh ok and they'd come around and pick up the milk?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Oh ok. Let's see. Did you have corn cribs and stuff for your corn?

FB: Yes yes.

JB: If sort of if you can, sort of make a picture. Try to describe what buildings and stuff you had. Like did you have barns and stuff like that? Just tell me a little bit about it.

FB: Yeah, we had a barn, we had a corn crib, we had a whole (inaudible), we just you know, and our house was just (inaudible) an old stone house. .it was a two-story house. It was an old house.

JB: Oh It was old when you moved in?

FB: yeah it was old when we moved in it. It was a good house. But my daughter [inaudible] just across the road and moved out.

JB: Yeah yeah. Was it one of those old two-story things?

FB: Yeah.

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JB: Oh yeah those are pretty. When you were working on the farm, I know it's different from what it is now a days, what kind of, what especially do you think was different with how you had to work. What kind of jobs made it different you don't have to do now?

FB: No, we'd hoed the corn and the tobacco and all that stuff. You know now we spray the tobacco and we'd shuck the tobacco from Monday morning to Sunday night just about working that tobacco plant. Shucking that corn.

JB: Well now did you have a tractor?

FB: Yeah, no we did in the later years. We used to use horses and mules to plow it.

JB: Well then did you have to use horses to carry the tobacco into the barns and stuff like that?

FB: Sure we did.

JB: Well people don't know stuff like this you know, that's interesting it really is cause there's some, you just think about little children now a days and they've never seen a horse.

FB: They don't know.

JB: They don't know huh. See every little thing like that that's good we'd like to know. That's good. So, once you got tractors then things, I'm sure it got easier?

FB: It got easier.

JB: Um let's see. When you were out there working, did you work in the fields too?

FB: Oh yeah. Yeah.

JB: Well did you wear a bonnet and stuff like that?

FB: Well I usually wore a little hat and stuff like that.

JB: I'm just wondering.

FB: I never did wear bonnet.

JB: Didn't ya? I think they are pretty.

FB: Yeah, I do too. I just...

JB: Well you had daughters, did they help you at all working in the fields?

FB: Yeah they didn't like the field much. The oldest daughter, her daddy, she actually threw up, the smell of tobacco made her sick.

JB: Just the smell of it?

FB: Yeah and my younger daughter she'd go out and just tell "I'm burning up" and I'd say just go on in the house.

JB: And you'd have to do her part? (laughter)

FB: Yeah.

JB: Oh, I like that, oh goodness. Okay, let's see here where we are. Is that the only kind that you do, or your late husband did was farming?

FB: Oh no he worked on construction work for a few years.

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JB: Oh okay.

FB: In Kingsport I believe.

JB: Oh you meant he went from here to there every day?

FB: No he stayed up there, a week at a time.

JB: Oh I see.

FB: But he didn't work that [inaudible] for long.

JB: I'd say that was hard going up like that and then having to come back. Was it because there wasn't many more jobs close by to here?

FB: Oh yeah we worked for the county for too, he worked for the county [inaudible].

JB: Oh ok, what did he do for that?

FB: He hauled rock to...

JB: For the roads?

FB: Uh huh for the roads yeah. I forgot about that.

JB: Okay. Um, let's see. Did you have, you said you had hog pens and stuff like that right?

FB: Yeah yeah

JB: Did you have very many hogs?

FB: No. we just had kennel hogs, we never raised hogs, we just killed our own meat.

JB: Well what, can you sort of describe to me like when you start to kill a hog, I've never seen anybody do it. Can you explain how you go about that?

FB: Well they'd just take a gun out and shoot it right in the head.

JB: (laughter) Well they'd have to fix them. Did you fix up all your meat?

FB: Yeah.

JB: How do you do that?

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FB: Well we'd sugar cured our ham and we grind up the other stuff into sausage and we got a bunch of ribs and all that stuff you know. But what we got different is we had can that stuff, all except the shoulder and (inaudible), out in the smoke house.

JB: Oh yeah (laughter) what did you put on, can you sort of explain how to cure one?

FB: Yeah you just take sugar, salt, and black pepper and mix it up and you just sprinkle it over it.

JB: yeah and that's all? Then what do you do?

FB: We put it in bags and hang it up.

JB: How long does it have to hang?

FB: Well you could leave them, let them stay until the summer until they cured, or you could eat it anytime you wanted to.

JB: Oh okay, once you cut them, did you have to eat them then, once you sliced into them?

FB: Yeah. They didn't stay too long after that.

JB: Oh okay I'm just wondering. See that'd be hard to keep?

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FB: Yeah but we see didn't have no deep freezer then, you see. You could slice the [inaudible] and put in the deep freezer.

JB: I bet you didn't have a pressure, I know you said you canned stuff, I bet you didn't have a pressure cooker either did you?

FB: No no we had a thing on the stove or outside or, it was a oh, I forget what you call that thing, canner stuff you put it on the canned and you put it on there and cook it.

JB: I bet you had to cook it a long time didn't you?

FB: Yeah it had to be done.

JB: Did you ever have anything I know you had to have big black kettle did you have something like that when you killed your hogs and stuff?

FB: Yeah we the stove and the hogs and stuff and the big black pot and you'd heat that water you know and put that water in a barrel and then put the hog in the barrel.

JB: The whole hog?

FB: The whole hog, you just push him in there and then when you take him out the hair and all come off.

JB: Oh my goodness (laughter) I've never seen that done.

FB: No that's in the old days.

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JB: Oh my goodness. Let's see. (short pause) Do you remember, like I'm sure you've been talking there's always some kind of funny story that when you all get together you tell what somebody did on a farm you know or something like that, it doesn't even have to be funny you know, something like that, something that you will always remember or a story. Do you know anything like that?

FB: (laughter) I don't believe I do.

JB: Well maybe did one of your little girls get into some menace or something like that or did something funny like that happen you know or something happen when you were trying to get some kind of work done?

FB: Oh I was out in the field working the first year and my youngest daughter started screaming and I told her to come to the field and she didn't, she went home with her cousin and boy she got a whipping when I got home, she got a hard whipping for that.

JB: She was trying to get by with not having to work wasn't she (laughter)?

FB: No, she wasn't big enough to work but I was hollering for her to come on and she didn't, so she got a whipping for that.

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JB: Oh goodness. Let me go back one minute and ask you about the hog what did it look like?

FB: Well you just put [inaudible].

JB: Oh, so it had a top and everything?

FB: Yeah you find the hog and you fed them corn and they got fat you know and you killed them.

JB: How many would you kill in a year?

FB: We just killed about two big hogs.

JB: Oh that'd be enough. Now I've got to ask you this, did you make canned tenderloin?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Canned tenderloin.

FB: Yeah.

JB: Oh, I love that, I just love that stuff. That's so good.

FB: Yeah we made canned tenderloin.

JB: Oh, I think that's so good I just love that stuff (laughter). My grandmother you know used to make that and she's not you know.

FB: (inaudible)

JB: Yeah, it's just not the same as canned though.

FB: No.

JB: It doesn't have the same taste you know?

FB: No, it don't have the same taste.

JB: Nuh uh. Let's see now, how about chickens? Did you have any of them?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Where did they stay?

FB: Well we didn't have chickens after we moved down here but when we...we roosted them.

JB: Well did you have to hunt the eggs?

FB: Well they'd make nest for them and lay the eggs in the nest.

JB: Where did they make the nests?

FB: In the barn.

JB: Oh okay.

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FB: We didn't like the chickens to roost in the barn. Well now we did have a chicken house too, mostly I don't think (inaudible) we'd make our own nests.

JB: Oh so they'd all be right there together I see okay. Who had to gather the eggs?

FB: Well most the time I did, and then we would have to take them to the store and you know sell them and you didn't buy stuff back then like you have to now, but we'd have to buy sugar and salt and coffee with...

JB: With your eggs?

FB: With our eggs.

JB: Now where was the store around here that you went to? Was it close by?

FB: It was down [inaudible] Down there. That's when we lived at...[inaudible]

JB: Is that still here now?

FB: No.

JB: What was the name of it?

FB: I forget the name of it, I know who run it.

JB: Who

FB: Shy Barnet, who run the store.

JB: Shy Barnet?

FB: Yup but I don't know I guess they call it Horse Creek Store but I don't know.

JB: And it was close to this other house where you used to live?

FB: About a mile.

JB: About a mile okay. What kind of stuff did he sell there?

FB: He sold just uh coffee and sugar you know all kind of, like [inaudible], people raised all the stuff in the garden you know. And raised all of the beans and everything in the garden, stuff like [inaudible], tools, hoes.

JB: Bread and stuff like that, just stuff you couldn't make yourself?

FB: Yeah stuff you didn't grow.

JB: What about clothes, did he carry clothes or where did you get clothes? Did you go all the way to Greeneville?

FB: He carried clothes.

JB: Did he? And he made them?

FB: And he made them for me.

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JB: Did ya well, okay let's see here. We've already said that your house isn't here anymore, what other things are missing here, what other buildings you know that used to be here?

FB: Well the barn, they built a new barn. The barn is down. Everything, even that old grainery up there that one up there.

JB: Is that where you put your corn?

FB: Yeah and I put wheat and stuff and barley.

JB: Oh you had that?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Oh tell me how you do that because I don't know anything about wheat and barley.

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FB: Well people would have a machines that would come through and spend the night with us and thresh our wheat.

JB: Well. What did they do when they, I mean did they have a machine to cut it?

FB: No they had to cut it with a [inaudible]. Cut by hand, tied and bound it, shuck it up, and then they hauled it on into the barn and had this machine come along and ...

JB: And all the thresher does is take the seeds out?

FB: Takes the seeds out.

JB: And then you had the straw left?

FB: Had the straw left.

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JB: And then did you have to take the seeds somewhere else?

FB: Yeah had to take it to the mill and have it ground.

JB: (laughter) Now where was the closest mill around here that you took it to?

FB: (short pause) I believe it a mill in Afton.

JB: Well there's one there now you know. That might have been where you went?

FB: Maybe. [inaudible]

JB: Yeah. Well did you back then when we are taking the stuff to the mill did you have to take it with a horse or what?

FB: Sure did, a horse and buggy.

JB: Well did you go, did you get to go?

FB: No no, I didn't go with him.

JB: But your husband did all of that?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Oh I see I see.

FB: Yeah [inaudible], caught in the wind [inaudible].

JB: Well once they, did you have all your stuff ground at one time?

FB: No no you just take so much you know.

JB: What you needed right then? Oh.

FB: Mhm.

JB: I bet it'd get bad if you had it all done.

FB: Yeah well I know we had one last month in bags, and [inaudible].

JB: yeah and this will do you for a while, yeah?

FB: [audible]

JB: Did you have cornbread and stuff real often and stuff?

FB: Yeah, we usually had cornbread for supper. I love cornbread.

JB: I do too, I think everybody that lives around here I think does.

FB: I love cornbread.

JB: Oh lord let's see here. Oh, are there any, I bet with everything gone there's not, but do you have any old things left that you used you know back then like plows or any old tools that they wouldn't have things like that now or even if you don't have them, do you remember some of them?

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FB: Yeah, we had a turning plow and cultivator and the horses pulled the cultivator and uh...

JB: Is that the thing that looks like a little plow but that's just a [inaudible].

FB: No that's the [inaudible], the big plow, it turned the grain.

JB: Oh okay, the horse grinder?

FB: Yeah. Yeah, the horse drawn cultivator, the plow, [inaudible] the horse used tje plow, [inaudible] but the later years we got the cultivator, you can call it.

JB: The cultivator was drug by horses?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Oh I see, well, is that about all the kind of machinery the horses pull? Is that the main thing?

FB: They pulled sleds and everything.

JB: You had sleds? Now what was that you used for?

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FB: Well to haul in the winter. Corn for the calves. And just [inaudible].

JB: How were they built?

FB: They were built on the ground and you just take two, you had to make these sleds, runners, you call them, and it just sat on top of them.

JB: Oh, I see and they just had to pull that over the ground?

FB: Yeah.

JB: I see. So that's harder to pull I guess than something with wheels or something wouldn't it?

FB: Yeah, yeah.

JB: Okay let's see. And you said they used slides or anything like that that they use to use but don't use nowadays?

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FB: No they didn't use that stuff now.

JB: Can you think of something else they did use to use but now they don't have any more besides the slide. What about tobacco? Did they use the same kind of things like today that they use?

FB: Oh yeah, some people got things to cut tobacco. And you know you go out you cuts it and...

JB: You mean now a days?

FB: Yeah. But we just cut it like we used to...

JB: How did you, what did you use? What would you call the tools and stuff?

FB: There's a blade that you cut the tobacco off with you know and you hand it to someone and (inaudible).

JB: Oh okay (laughter) and then you loaded it on the wagon?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Ok. Let's see here. Did anybody around here have any silos or anything?

FB: They do now.

JB: They didn't then?

FB: I don't know.

JB: That's sort of something sort of new?

FB: Yeah people used to chuck their corn out the field haul it to (inaudible) and they put it in silos.

JB: Yeah. But they just used to put it in a big bundle?

FB: Yeah and shock it.

JB: That just means they just put it all together you know?

FB: Yeah they'd do one big shock. They'd tie them up in a bundle and shock them up.

JB: And they just gonna pick up the corn as they need it or something?

FB: Yeah yeah. We'd just go out and shock this corn off.

JB: Okay, let's see here. Did anybody make any molasses around here?

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FB: Yeah, the people across the creek over here, they used to make molasses (inaudible).

JB: Really?

FB: Yeah

JB: Did he grow the stuff?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Do you remember about how he used to do, you remember how?

FB: Well they had to cut it, and it grew tall, and they had seed and you had to cut the seed out and they cut it and brought it in and (inaudible) and they had this mill and they two big wheels and put this in there and grind that juice out.

JB: Yeah like squeeze it?

FB: Yeah, squeeze it, and you just watch that go round and around and around and then that had to put it in that big vat. They had a vat with a furnace under it and they would just boil that and just stand there with a big shovel or a spoon and they would shovel that outside juice off of it and then boil it down.

JB: And that's all there was to it, you just keep it boiled?

FB: Boil it.

JB: Well I'd like to see that. Did you make anything like combinary (??) juice?

FB: Yeah.

JB: How do you make that, I've never seen that. I've never seen that done.

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FB: You put it in water and sodium and soak it and let peel and the stuff come off of it and then

JB: Just cold water and let it sit?

FB: I guess you could start with warm water and just let it soak and that outside peeling comes off of it.

JB: Is that all?

FB: Yeah and then you take it out and cook it.

JB: Oh you have to cook it after the peeling comes off?

FB: Yeah yeah.

JB: Oh I see. I've never seen that done, I didn't have any idea about that.

FB: People don't do it anymore.

JB: Yeah (laughter) how about soap? Did you make soap?

FB: Yeah we made (inaudible) and we get ashes in that hopper (?) and let the juices, let the lime run out, and take that lime and makes scraps and all grease mix it up and you make soap.

JB: Did you use that black kettle to do that?

FB: Yeah yeah we used that black kettle.

JB: Now that hopper thing did it just sit out in the open and that's where all the stuff run down through?

FB: Yeah you just had that hopper you poured your ashes on.

JB: Oh I see. I've never seen one of those neither (laughter)

FB: I know you didn't because you weren't around those years.

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JB: Now do you remember any other like, it doesn't necessarily have to be a barn but do you remember any kind of buildings at all that you remember that was important to people?

FB: Well yeah that tobacco barn. We used to raise tobacco and now that's gone now. We raised what you call flue-cured tobacco. We had a big barn and hung it in there and you had to furnace on the side and you put that heat on there and put the fire in the furnace and that cured your tobacco.

JB: And I had no idea that they did that around this part and they did that around here?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Well I thought that was just in other states. I didn't have any idea. Did a lot of people do it like that?

FB: Well before burley come in, everybody that raised tobacco had to have a little barn.

JB: I didn't know that. Well how long has burley been here long? I mean I know it's been here a long time but when, do you know how long ago it was that you had to do the flue cured, do you know how long ago that was?

FB: Well that just depends.

JB: Oh I see I see.

FB: We never did raise any burley back then.

JB: It was all the other?

FB: It was all (inaudible) but in later years, but I don't think we did when we lived at Horse Creek.

JB: Oh I see okay. Now let's see. What about right here in Horse Creek, do you remember any buildings like anything like community buildings, churches or anything that people went to or stores that's not here now?

FB: Well aren't no stores, none of the stores are here now.

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JB: But you remember some?

FB: Oh yeah yeah, we went to them, yeah there were stores.

JB: Well we need, could you tell me maybe what you remember about them, maybe like their names or who run them or what they sold?

FB: Well there was a store down about a mile down the road. It was Karens. Thom Karen and every time we go to the store he'd give us a sticky candy (laughter). Every time.

JB: (laughter) I guess you didn't get candy a lot did you?

FB: No people didn't have candy much.

JB: So that was a big treat?

FB: Yeah that was a big treat. Yeah. There's stores that I'm thinking about we went to don't, no more.

JB: So do you remember any others, any other people that maybe run them or anything?

FB: Well yes, John (??) run a little store up here before he moved, before it shut down, and before (inaudible)- [something about having a Ford]

JB: Oh really?

FB: Yes do you know him?

JB: Well do you know when that was?

FB: Well its back in, it's been 65 years or so.

JB: Well.

FB: Now he lived up there.

JB: Oh I see just right here across the road?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Did he live there when he had his car?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Did he (laughter) Well was there any roads or anything there?

FB: Just mud roads there.

JB: Well I bet he had a time didn't he. Did you ever get to ride in it?

FB: No, no I never did get to. He owned the store.

JB: Oh I see, that was the only car around.

FB: Yeah.

JB: Well where did he go in his car then?

FB: Well he moved to Chuckey with his store. He died there.

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JB: Oh I see okay. Well isn't that something. Okay let's see here. Do you know of any pictures or anything that you or your daughters or anybody might have that would be of these old things that anybody knows of about now or just anything like that? Do you know of anybody that might have any pictures or anything?

FB: I don't, of what?

JB: Anything like of the old buildings or houses or schools or churches or anything like that?

FB: Well uh... I don't know that.

JB: Okay well that's ok, I just thought you might remember of somebody you know, if you think of anybody you let me know ok? You might think of one. Uh we didn't talk about going to school did we? Yes we did you went to school down there at Camp Creek didn't you?

FB: No at Chestnut Ridge, we moved to Middle Creek before I went to school.

JB: Okay okay. Well now when you lived up here in Horse Creek was there a school here just for the Horse Creek community?

FB: There was a school, now there used to be one up there, now it's the church, the old church, when they built the new church. They used to be, but I don't remember it. Now back here where (inaudible) used to live, they all went to school at Forest Hill.

JB: Forest Hill.

FB: And it burnt down a few years ago.

JB: Was it like a one room?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Do you know, do you remember anything about who the teacher was or anything?

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FB: Well there was more teachers there was Roxy? and ___ Wilhoit and (inaudible), there were a lot of teachers at the time.

JB: Did you ever go to the school? Did the school ever have any kinds of programs where people went to or anything?

FB: Yeah they use to turn out when you were having time at church, and you know the teachers would take them all and march them to church.

JB: Well (laughter) isn't that something. Well now let's see, does the church have a cemetery?

FB: Uh huh.

JB: Ok are any of the, are any of your family buried in that cemetery?

FB: No, my husband is buried there with all of his folks.

JB: Oh all his folks are too. And that would be all the Bowmans right?

FB: Yeah.

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JB: Okay. And you said his daddy was who?

FB: Jack Bowman.

JB: Jack. And his wife was?

FB: Korey.

JB: Korey? Is that what you said? I believe that's right. Yeah I believe that's what you said. And that's all the relatives you've got buried around here?

FB: Yeah. My daughter is going to be buried at (inaudible)

JB: Okay does it count as part of Horse Creek?

FB: No.

JB: Oh okay. If you had to pick like um some place in Horse Creek, you know that you had the best memories, the strongest memories, it doesn't have to be good or bad memories or good what place in Horse Creek do you think you will always remember the most? Now just think about it a minute. There might not be one or you might think that it's all the same or it might be for you, you know?

FB: Well I can't think remember all the stuff.

JB: Is there any one place that's more important to you than anywhere else? You know is there because of something that happened there is important you know or something?

FB: (chuckles) I can't really remember.

JB: Ok that's okay. You may not feel that way. I'm just wondering if there might be something. Um well what about is there a place you think that, was there like a community building or anything where people gathered all the time?

FB: The community, the community just went to church.

JB: So church was the main gathering place?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Okay so when you told people about Horse Creek people getting together it was usually always being at church yeah okay.

FB: The church. Of course, men used to gather at the stores.

JB: Okay and just the men did that?

FB: Yeah, you know certain stores and go and sit and they'd talk (inaudible).

JB: did they do that at the stores you're telling me about?

FB: Yeah.

JB: Did they? Do you know what kind of things did they talk about?

FB: Well I don't know, tobacco I guess (laughter)

JB: (laughter) you'd never sit in there with them.

FB: Nope.

[45:40]

JB: well now you said, I remember you said that some of you ladies would quilt and stuff. Well when did you do that stuff?

FB: When we built this new church we quilted a lot and all that stuff.

JB: Where did you do that?

FB: We quilted in the basement of the church.

JB: Had you quilted all your life?

FB: Yeah, I quilted, yeah, I just (inaudible).

JB: Oh have you got it here?

FB: Yes.

JB: Oh I'd love to see it before I go. What kind of have you got?

FB: I'll show you.

JB: Does it got a name, I know they've all got names and stuff.

FB: Yes.

JB: Oh ok. What's the name of the one you've got here?

FB: The last, it's a Texas star.

JB: Oh I think I know, it's got big points on it.

FB: No that's a lone star. I've got a lone star I'd like to show you.

JB: Oh okay, I'll see it let's have a look. As a matter of fact, I'll have to get a picture of it or something. I'll see what I can do okay? Did you quilt them by yourself?

FB: Yes

JB: You did every bit all by yourself?

FB: Well she, Juanita helped me.

JB: Yeah well isn't that something. What do make them out of?

FB: Well just Kleenex and cotton and make em (inaudible) sometimes.

JB: Used to when you made them, was it just made out of scraps you had left?

FB: Yeah.

JB: But now a days I guess you just...

FB: No....

[tape cuts off]