

P: What did you like about blacksmithing? What was _____

F: Any of it. Mostly I, I did a lot of wheel work and a lot of wagon, buggy building, so on, but most any of it, I enjoyed working with it. But, I never did like the garage work. It's too greasy and nasty.

P: Uh huh. Of course, blacksmithing is not.

Do you like working with your hands, doing stuff with your hands? Did you find that satisfying?

F: Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah.

P: What is an open building, your shop? Did it have a side open like a lot of the old blacksmith shops?

F: Oh, the side door opened. Yeah, yeah.

P: When you were a little boy and you lived out in Lafayette county, what was a big day out for your family?

F: We didn't have no big day off, we went to school a little bit and worked in the field and worked in the shop. Had something to do all the time.

P: Did you ever do things like go fishing for _____ or....

F: Well some time, didn't none of them go fishing.

P: Oh.

F: Yeah.

P: So, did you go to the Suwannee River or to the lakes or....

F: We had a good creek there to fish and caught all the fish we wanted.

P: Uh huh. What kind of fish? Catfish?

F: Most any kind. Brim, bass. Some time, kill a turkey, or something or another down there. We had something fresh all along.

P: So what was your house like that you grew up in, out there in Lafayette county?

F: Well, when we first moved there it was a old log house, but we built another house and after that, lived there until I came to Branford.

P: Did it have, did your mom cook in a big, one of the big old black stoves like that or did you use a fire place or....

F: Well, we had a cookstove down there, a range, what we called a range at that time that they cooked on. There was, baked some mighty good biscuits.