

?: Did you make a lot of things? Okay, my granddaddy talks about how he used to make baskets and everything they used around the farm, you know, they made and then he did a lot of the metal work and blacksmithing. Were there other kinds of things that you made, too? Maybe different things to build for _____

F: You know, I remember very little about baskets being made out of wood. I mean, they used to take, cut white oak, I think, a good oak'd split well...

?: Yes. Thats....

F: ...and made up in ten pieces and build wooden baskets.

?: Yeah, they'd take the splints and weigh them.

F: But I never did do any of that work.

?: Did you ever make the _____ for them that they used to splint them with?

F: No, I didn't do that either, because I remember very little about that work, but I do remember they did some of that.

?: Granddaddy showed me how they used to make them and, you know, they'd go out, he said they used oak and they used hickory. Sometimes they'd go out and split a hickory.

F: Yeah, a good-splitting white oak will just split up in pieces on till your in maybe, oh, they had a, a table that they'd draw them slats down like they wanted to, a little thinner and wrapped them in good like they wanted to, but I didn't never get into any of that.

P: Did you ever make catfish traps?

F: I didn't make any catfish traps, no. I, only fish trap I ever made was out of wire.

P: Uh huh. How about turtles? Did you catch turtles?

F: Not many, no. No.

P: Do you have any of your tools left from being a blacksmith? Did you save any of your tools out of your blacksmith shop?

F: I have a anvil and I have some old blacksmith tongs that I used to handle the hot iron with and so on and that's about all I've got left of it. I, just first one piece and then another went missing till it's all gone. The old blower, I don't know what's happened to the old blower. It was about wore out anyway and it's gone. My tire shrinker that'd shrink the metal tires smaller when they'd get loose on the rim I had -- which