

Nearby Relatives. Margaret Lacy Davidson on Parcel D-186 was Wyatt Lacy's sister. Miles Shields resided on Parcel C-187. He married Hodie's grandmother's sister's niece, Nina Joiner.

Walter Kelley's House. Walter Kelley lived on Parcel C-142. It was a white frame house, built low on the ground. It had two rooms.

Cemetery near Wyatt's house. Hodie said a cemetery was "up on the hill." She said, "There were other family members up there and some of the children that had died."

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School. When Hodie lived with her grandparents, she went to Silver Hill School for about six months. It had one room with a divider in the middle. Then her aunt took her to go to Councill Grade School and High School.

Store. Hodie said:

We bought from the peddler. A peddler would come by with a truck, and he would have everything on it. They would come on the main road and everyone would run down to see what was on it.

Food. When asked what her grandparents grew, Hodie said:

Watermelons, black-eyed peas, corn, potatoes, string beans, cabbage, sweet potatoes, peanuts. We also ate squirrel, rabbits, and fish. Not very often, fish. We would pick berries. Grandmother had big blackberry vines we would pick.

Hodie had mentioned earlier in the interview that the farm was big. She said it had cows, pigs, and horses. They also had a beautiful orchard with "bunches of fruit."

The Outhouse. "Our outhouse was back in the field by the orchard. We used to go up there and have books and papers to look through." Hodie said lime was put down in the outhouse and it had no odor. Since she had sisters, they had a "two-holer."

Hodie said sometimes the outhouse was cleaned out, and when that happened:

You would pull your windows down. It was a big wagon [that came]. There was metal, the part where the waste was poured. The wagon had buckets hanging on the side of it.

Milling. Hodie's grandparents made molasses. They grew cotton, but they took it to Huntsville to the gin.