

Georgia said that everybody “that was big enough” picked cotton. They sat at home at night and picked the bolls off. She said that they picked cotton during some *cold* days. With tone and body language, Georgia emphasized the word “cold.” Georgia explained:

You picked when you were **so** cold. You picked when the ground was spewed up [iced]. I hate to think of that.

We’d pile it [the cotton] on the porch. Then we’d sit by the fire and pick it. [What did you put it in?] Cotton baskets were about three feet tall. We had scales and weighed it at home. We had to have 1300 pounds to make a bale. You’d put it in the wagon after you weighed a basket full, or, if it was raining, you’d put it in the barn or a dry place.

**The Cotton Gins.** Both Felix’s family and Georgia’s family sold cotton. Felix said his father took his to a gin in Huntsville: “Brown’s Road [Brown’s Ferry Road—this part is now Bob Wallace] and Lankford Avenue, it used to be, now Jordan. Right on the corner.” Georgia’s family, who lived in Pond Beat, took their cotton to Whitesburg gin sometimes.

### **A Record of Georgia Lacy Lanier’s Family**

A chart showing Georgia’s genealogy is presented on the following page. The “original sources” for the material in the chart are printed in the right hand corner at the bottom. It was compiled by the family members for a family reunion booklet. Georgia Mae Lacy is shown as the daughter of Jackson Lacy, who was the son of Lucy Fisher Lacy who was the daughter of Jackson and Hannah Fisher. Unfortunately, neither the married names of the female descendants or the names of their husbands) have been included; they would have shown the connection between the family names that are reported in this study.

(Note: After this manuscript had been completed, the researcher talked with Mrs. Georgia Lacy Lanier, with whom she has developed a friendship. The researcher mentioned to Mrs. Lanier that only the first names were included on the chart, and the younger generations of descendants of Jackson and Hannah Fisher might not know the last names of the people, which might prevent them from identifying them. The researcher noted that the same first names appeared in different generations. Mrs. Lanier felt this was a good point; she said that she is on the committee for the next family reunion and would bring this up before the committee. )