

We had a chicken house and a smoke house, and a garage up front, to the side, where we put the T-model. The smoke house was behind the house, back from the southeast corner.

The chicken house faced the road. The smoke house was behind the chicken house. The chicken house had horizontal plank sides, like the house did, but James said on the chicken houses, “people didn’t strip the sides.” The roof was tin. The poles that held it up were shorter in the front, so the roof sloped down.



The house where the Long family lived.

Long said that the outhouse was south of the house, in a more direct line with the center of the house from the back steps. It appeared to be further away from the house than the smoke house. He said the outhouse was built out of the same wood as the house was (yellow poplar) and had a tin roof. It was a two-seater. When the hole filled up, they would move it. The researcher asked if they ever threw trash in it, and Long said, “NO,” looking at the researcher as if she had asked a silly question. He said they had toilet paper, but there was a saying, “She carried the Sears and Roebuck catalog [to the outhouse] and can’t read.”