

Grandpa Sam Watson bought farm in fall of 1905 and moved there in 1906. He bought the farm from Mr. Steve Lewis, Lena's mother's father.

Back in those days, land was not too expensive & no market for timber. People would get little sawmills to move & cut lumber of ??? them then to mill would pack up & move on to other place. While grandpa had the mill there they build houses for employees and dug well. There were several wells that had to be filled. Also, Mr. Lewis owned our place and had sawmill. We had four or five wells filled after we married.

The house is made of logs & the kitchen was off to the back what was later used as a smokehouse. People cured their meat or cold(er) storage with blocks of ice. When cured it was taken out washed off the salt & put ??? & red pepper then hang it in the smokehouse & usually would get oakwood and smoke the meat.

People did not go to town to buy meat. If you bought a chicken you had to take it home kill & dress it to cook.

We always had plenty of meat, chicken & eggs at home.

They would kill a beef and share it with neighbors and all paid each other back later. We always had dry beef which was very good.

The kitchen was away from the house because of fire & usually had sand on the floor.

Most people keep what we called tea cakes cooked.