

Carolyn went home A.M. [Jan 3d, 1993]. I piddled around in the house. Took care of left over food etc. Al Gaskins & a Mr. Sumner had a wreck at Oaky Grove Cross Road. Totaled? both vehicles. `1<sup>st</sup> reports no one was hospitalized. False) Mr. Sumner and his crippled son were hospitalized.

Let me begin when I was a small child. My Uncle Jim, Aunt Georgian lived with my grandparents Sam & Betsy (Boykin) Watson. I was the apple of Uncle Jim's eye. He would do everything I wanted him to do. One day he passed our house going after a load of wood. He told me to be ready when he came back along & I could go home with him. [Note by WHO: Granny & Grandpa (Mark A.) first lived up on the part of the S.W. Watson Homeplace that was bequeathed to Aunt Georgian, and I believe Mama referred to this place as "home" in this sentence.] He was very special to me. When we got to his house, Grandma & Aunt Georgian want to know why he brought me. He knew they were washing. (In those days, you use a wash trough hued out of a large log and wash tub if you were lucky enough to afford or find them.) He told them if they didn't love [me], he did so he took me to the kettle shelter (where they ground cane and made syrup [Note by WHO: the wash shelter was located sw of the main house and the sugar mill was located at a further distance nw of the main house.] He cracked black walnuts and played with me until dinner was called. We went & ate, and went back to the kettle shelter until it was time for him to take me home.

My grandfather owned several acres of land he purchased in 1905 from Mr. Steve Lewis and moved to the place in 1906. It was called a 6-horse farm. Then, people used mules to tend their crops. One man could tend 18-25 acres. There were three houses on the place besides the house they lived in called the home place.

The kitchen was built away from the house & a porch or walk way would connect the kitchen & house.