

New Hope is the Church Grandma, Betty, went to she was old line primitive Baptist - they had what they called Big meeting once a year, 2nd Sunday in August, Back then you could ^{not} go to the store to buy like we do now.

About the middle of July sand from the river or where they could find it was put in a pile & spread in the Smoke House - Eggs were put on the sand & turned every day to have enough to cook cakes, pies, etc for big meeting.

Grandpa & Daddy of some of the helpers would build lots to put peoples mules in - people had shoe travel & would stay Friday night & Saturday night - they were so many the men would sleep in the cotton house with a sheet on the cotton - The women & children slept ^{they} in house on beds & pallets - on the floor - Grandma or Mamma would have two colored women to come help cook & take care of the visitors. They used the colored women that lived on the farm - for a long time they used the dining room feed the men first, women & then the children I can remember it would be about sundown before children could eat.

Finally they begin building of long table on the east side of the house & everybody could eat at the same time - Boy you had to put the big pot little pots & all on - Kill a beef, hog, and several chickens to have plenty.

Daddy & Mamma always fixed after Grandma married Mr. Perkins in 1927. Grandma would come spend part of the week helping to get ready.