

I was born and raised here in Huntington. There was 10 of us kids in the family. Six sisters and four brothers.

For entertainment when we were young we played ball.

Farming was a lot different then than now. " e didn't have any big machines. We had two big horses, plow, harrow and one that would make four furrows. There's no comparisson. Farming was hard. We lived in town and brought the cows out here in the morning and they would pasture all day then we would take them back to town. Sometimes we had horses to ride to take the cows, sometimes we had to walk, most of the time. Didn't have horses enough to go around. Sometimes it would start to rain and rain a lot, we'd have to wait til it quit raining, unless you was tough enough to go. We would get stranded out here sometime.

There's been quite a change in our community. They changed from horses and stuff like that to machinery. Everything has changed. Everything we use now we use to use with horses. Most people did. Very few cars we had around here then. I think cars were expensive back then. I don't know if I ever tried one.

For entertainment we would go dancing and eat. My wife didn't know how to cance when I first met her. I'd say lets go dancin and she would say I don't know how to dance. I'd say don't worry about that you soon will know. It wasn't very long until she could dance. Yep, we use to do lots of dancin. Always had some friends to go with. I loved it and she did too. I still do but I haven't danced for years. That was fun entertainment.

We had four children, we lost one of those. The kids always helped out on the farm. I did a lot of mining with a pick and a shovel. That's how I made my money. Pick and shovel. I worked in the mine for about 36 years. I'm 82, 81 no 80 and a spare. I'm not in as good as shape as I use to be. I can't kick my heels like I use too. Haven't tried.

The town isn't anything like it use to be. So much different machinery on the farms. There aren't any of the old buidings left, that I can see. Theres to many gone to count. The old house we use to live in has been gone for a long time. Lots of peoples houses are gone. The business

are mostly gone. The old store by the school business gone now. All that stuff on the west side of the street up there now use to be stores and stuff like that. They are stilll there. I went to school, High school in that old building where the power place is now. All those cars around there. I went to high school in there. I went to school in an old house like this when I started school. The house they had school in caught fire and burned down. The then had school all over town. Started school in first grade. I can't remember whose house it was. They had 3 or 4 around there. I had to go a block and a half to get to school. I had to run to get there. My dad always thought I should wear a jacket to school. I wore it that day and the next I watched until he wasn't watching and tooo off for school without it. I didn't have to run far. I never served in the army. My boys both went. Gordon was drafted, Jack wasn't. Gordon was in a long time.