



Bob Gilchrist

Interviewed by Anne Kimzey

1. Grandmother's home remedies (01:10)

Gilchrist: Yeah, well she used to make medicine out of, used to make medicine out of un, they call it rat tobacco, and uh, also um, mullein, and uh, also we use uh, it was a, it was a, um, it wasn't a weed but it was a plant, that they used to use for a cold, they call it field grass, they used to take it and boil it, make medicine out of that and also during the same process they would use um [sweetenum burr [?]], all this kind of things and they used to make up stuff together, salve, like the kind they rub on pigs with [?], those are the kind of things, those they used for colds and I think for that nature as far as home remedies concerned.

Kimzey: And did it work?

Gilchrist: Sure it worked <laughs>.

2. His grandmother and church (02:02)

Gilchrist: I was born, my grand-, I was born in a house, my father; my grandmother was living with my-, and grandfather was living with my father when I was born, so from that time up until I was about 13 years, 13-14, I was around my grandmother. Also, she didn't stay with us that long, she stayed about [six months time [?]], but when I was born, I was born in a house with her, she stayed with my father.

Kimzey: This was around Plum Branch then?

Gilchrist: Yeah, was in Hartsville.

Kimzey: Hartsville?

Gilchrist: Uh-huh.

Kimzey: And did she ever tell you, I know I asked you this earlier, tell you stories to entertain you, like animal stories or anything like that, like Brer Rabbit or anybody like that?

Gilchrist: Brer Rabbit?

Kimzey: Yeah <laughs>.

Gilchrist: Well no, um, she didn't bother that much about that types of things, more or less, she- her thing was more or less, uh, what she was doing, and the service she was in and how the churches were doing, and uh, things of that nature.

Gilchrist: What church was she going to?

Gilchrist: [Montello [?]] Baptist Church.

Kimzey: So she was, um, activism in life right up until she died?

Gilchrist: Well, no that ceased about, uh, three years before she died.

Kimzey: Three years before she died?

Gilchrist: Yeah.

Kimzey: How about the remedies and everything?

Gilchrist: Well, that's continued on, you know, she made some of that maybe, up until ten or 15 years before she passed.

Kimzey: Uh-huh.

Gilchrist: Bur see, uh, during the [unintelligible] about the church stories, you know, uh, during those times, uh [Montello [?]] Baptist Church, [it was organized as a brush home [?]].

Kimzey: A [brush home [?]]?

Gilchrist: It was a [brush home [?]] at first, and then [it came on [?]] and then it grew up and the church's [unintelligible].

