



### **Lanier Meaders & his roots (01:15)**

**L. Meaders:** I guess I've been doing it fifty or sixty years anyway. My first memories are of this place.

**Narrator:** Lanier Meaders is a potter, third generation, his grandfather began this pottery about one hundred years ago in White County, Georgia near the town of Cleveland. The only thing remaining of the original pottery is a stone chimney but Meaders continues the pottery tradition.

**L. Meaders:** But I built this building here, I think it was in... I think it was in the early winter of '52 or '53. And this wheel is the wheel I started out with.

**Narrator:** Meaders works a treadle wheel with a steady rhythmic motion. He turns pots using techniques much like those of the historic potters from the Edgefield district of South Carolina, which now encompasses Edgefield County, and parts of Aiken and Greenwood Counties.

### **Lanier Meaders & his reasons for turning... (00:55)**

**L. Meaders:** There's not any push on this, there's no pressure. If I want to work then I can work, and if I don't want to then I don't have to. The reason I got tied up into it, is after I had the third heart attack, you ought to try working on public work after you've had a good heart attack... then nobody will hire you. And I had to do something and I knew how to do this and I came back in here, and I've been here ever since. That was in 1970 and I realized after I got back in here, that this is where I belonged anyway.