

Story Time



This is for all those who want to hear more true stories.

Are you ready Margaret? *Delores Campbell*

So You Think the Weather Is Strange Now?

Let me tell you about the time we had a flood in Dudley Shoals. I was about five years old when it happened. At that time there were mill houses where the cotton mill workers lived, and a barber shop on the right at the curve at the bottom of the hill. Straight ahead from there was a small bridge that crossed over the river which ran behind the cotton mill. The highway was only a dirt road then.

It came up a storm one day and rained so hard that the river overflowed its banks, washed over the bridge and the road, right into the barber shop. The water continued to rise going up the hill on the right toward what is now Pappy's Market, making it almost to where the first trailer sits on the hill now.

Taylor's store was above the barber shop. The grocery store that was run by Taylor was also flooded. My Dad took Mom and me down there to see it. People were wading in the road in waist deep water.

We also had some mighty wind storms that would uproot trees where we lived. My mom told me of a time when I was a baby, it got so windy during a storm that she wrapped me in a quilt and ran to Ma Stafford's house. The trees around our house were being uprooted everywhere around our log cabin. Thinking back on it, she said she thought herself very stupid to do such a thing. We could have been hit by a falling tree, but God was looking after us. She said that she would never again run from a storm.

Granddad Spencer said when he was a child that his family had to crawl under a bed to keep from getting hit with hail balls the size of grapefruits that came through the roof of the house! Yes, we have had stranger weather in the past, including Hurricane Hugo and some tornadoes in Dudley Shoals. God kept us safe through them and for this we give him thanks. It could have been worse.

