

grandfather and the children. In the evening she prepared food for the next day so that she could work uninterruptedly until night. The following winter I worked again for Knut Fecher, my duties being to help with the chores and strip the trees after they had been cut down. Marie, the next oldest child, was taken for the winter months by a relative in Madison by the name of Torgrim Oleson.

By the next summer the reaper was in use, but it was necessary to use the cradle around stumps, so I was put to this task.

The next year we obtained a better place in which to live. This house was made of logs. I then worked for Jacob Otteson, my tasks being to hoe corn and help with any other work that could be performed by a boy. My pay was three shillings a day. A large plow was used for plowing brush ground and on this plow eight or nine yoke of oxen were necessary. My part in this task was to clean the coulter. I also had to get up early and go out for the oxen which were penned in at night and in the morning they were driven out to graze for a while. Upon returning from this task I would often be wet to the skin from the dew.

The second winter I stayed home. I chopped