

In the spring of that year I hired out to Wenderpole and Humes where I was to assist in the lime kiln at a salary of \$15.00 a month. During harvest the work in the lime kiln was discontinued and I was then told I could use the mules and earn whatever I could with them. During the harvest and threshing season the wages were three dollars a day, and with these wages my average from spring to fall was about \$25.00 a month.

In the spring of 1874 I hired out to King, and asked the unheard-of wages of \$25.00 a month and obtained it. It was difficult for them to keep a man.

This spring I bought eighty acres of land at \$10.00 per acre and while working for King was given time off to break thirty acres of it.

The following spring we moved our house to this piece of land. I succeeded in getting credit so I purchased a plow, a drag and some wire from John Chambers. I had raised two steers but they couldn't be used for breaking, so I traded them for an older yoke of oxen. The previous winter I had intended to break them but due to a long seige of illness I couldn't. I had both typhoid fever and pneumonia. Harvest was accomplished by exchanging work with the neighbors. About twenty bushels to the acre were