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When I was six years old they taught me at the government school for three years but I didn't learn a thing in those three years. Then I came home where my parents lived. I was always working until 1911 and then I went to school in Tomah for three years. I was able to complete the fifth grade. Then I worked until 1918.

Then I enlisted as a soldier and went to war overseas. On April 29 I left with the army. I got to English and then we arrived in France. It was terrible when I got there where we were stationed with the 5th Division fighters. We got lucky and I came back fine except that I was sickly. I suffered a lot in my back and had rheumatism in my legs.

I went back to work where I had been working before in 1921. Then I worked for ten years at the coal dock until 1936. Just recently I returned to work. While I was sick, relief helped me out and they gave me a little bit until I got my bonus. Then I bought two acres and I built a house. Then I lived there with my wife and we are contented as the days go on. Just now I work for WPA and it keeps going on.