

YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM

Carolina country if...

...you took a bar of
soap and a rag
to *Singletary Millpond.*

From Vonda Hester, Bladenboro



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- ... You drew a face on the shucks of a fresh ear of corn and pretended the corn was a doll and the silks were her hair.
- ... When something is outrageous, you say, "If that don't cap the stack!" And you remember peanut harvesting when you say it.
- ... You have ever made hogshhead cheese.
- ... Your favorite meal is rice and home-canned tomatoes.
- ... After you work hard all day you are "give slam out."
- ... Your granddad said that your new dress was "turbull" pretty.
- ... Your hands were "pite-ed" looking when they were cold.
- ... Your slip showed and Momma said to fix your frocktail.
- ... You know what step-ins are.
- ... Your momma put onions in your socks when you had the mumps.
- ... A "backer" stick house and a kiten were your favorite playthings.
- ... Your house had a front room for courting and living room for the TV, but you actually lived in the kitchen.
- ... The tender place on your leg was said to be "touchous."

From Betty Bailey, Hickory

- ... You make flowers from crepe paper to put on church graves on Decoration Day.
- ... You swept the woods out to make a playhouse in the summertime.
- ... You made race tracks in the dirt and used left over blocks for the cars and tacks for the lights.
- ... For picking cotton, your mama made your own personal sack to put the cotton in.

From Jimmie Morris Sr., Belvoir community

- ... When a thunderstorm was coming you had to get the mules to the house.
- ... Putting out tobacco to come in order was not too bad, but getting up in the middle of the night to take it in was bad.
- ... Your brother fell asleep in the tobacco truck waiting for it to get light to start breaking tobacco.
- ... You went to the smokehouse and cut off a piece of ham to eat it.
- ... Your first jelly donut was a molasses biscuit.
- ... You cut wood all Thanksgiving Day, Friday and Saturday with a crosscut saw for your winter wood.

From Opall Lopp Smith, Lexington

- ... Your snacks included mulberries, black haw, honey locust pods, pawpaws, molly pops, wild plums, blackberries, raspberries, huckleberries, strawberries, hickory nuts, scaley barks, black walnuts and grass nuts.
- ... Your school games were Looby Loo, Ring Around the Roses, Farmer in the Dell, Drop the Handkerchief, jump rope, hopscotch, Red Rover, Crack the Whip, Crows and Cranes, and Old Roger is Dead.
- ... At home you played jack rocks, pick-up sticks, bingo and Old Maid.
- ... On cold winter nights you baked Irish potatoes in the ashes, popped corn over the fire in a wire popper and wrapped a hot brick to warm your bed. You studied by the light of a kerosene or Aladdin lamp.
- ... Your school lunch was a sausage or ham biscuit, a cold sweet potato and maybe a piece of homemade cake from the Sunday dinner.
- ... For Christmas girls got a doll or tea set and boys got a Barlow knife, a top or yoyo. Usually, everyone got an orange, an apple, some nuts, hard candy and orange slices.

From Cheryl Little, Waynesville

- ... You were taught how to hypnotize a chicken by drawing a line in dirt straight out from its eye while you help it lay down on one side.
- ... Your father came home and wondered why all the chickens seemed dead.
- ... You owned a horse that would charge at you once in a while.
- ... You practiced batting by hitting a rock with a scrap of wood, and there was no one nearby to get mad.
- ... Your rooster served as your guard dog.
- ... You know that a truck is supposed to be dirty.
- ... You know what pullin' Coggins means.
- ... The Christmas tree was cedar with paper chains, popcorn strings, icicles and red and green roping. 📍

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