Samille Huff was born in Wilks County the year of 1925. She was the daughter of a share cropper. They were poor and lived in a two bedroom house owned by a woman. The woman also owned the land that they grew crops on. Every year her dad would sell a bale of hay to pay for their rent. The house had no electricity and only had well water. Samille remembers being able to see through the floors of their two bedroom house. Her mother would cover the walls with newspaper. They used a scrub board to wash their clothes and took baths called, “spit baths.” They boiled water in a large pot to wash their whites such as: clothes, sheets, pillow cases, and stockings.

In the ‘30’s, Samille walked to school every week day. The school was located behind their church down the road. Every year her mother would make her three dresses for every-day use and one nice dress for church. Women didn’t wear pants at that time, but they did wear white cotton stockings under their dresses for the Winter time. Her mother paid eight cents a yard for fabric to make the dresses; dresses would take two yards to make. Her dad would sell a cow every year for spending money.

When Samille was ten years old, she remembers helping her farther pick cotton in the fields. She would place the cotton that her mother had given her into a flour sack to use later. Every Saturday, they drove to the town’s square and watched a movie for nine cents. She referred to a movie as a “picture show” and said they were all in black and white. Every now and then, she and her younger brother would treat themselves to an ice cream. Later, in the early ‘40’s, she could remember being at the square and seeing WWII soldiers coming through town on their way home from their forts. She would often exchange addresses with them and write them letters. She said it was a thrill to wave and talk to the soldiers.