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Corrine White and Ometta Corbett interviewed by Michael Kline at the Corbett home on Dickey Mill Road on 4/25/08

Mrs. Ometta Corbett arranged this session with Sister White to talk about old-time singing styles in Myles Chapel Baptist Church. At 79, Sister White remembers vividly attending church at Myles Chapel and the singing of her mother's favorite song, "I Know I Shall Be Changed." She sang with three of her sisters growing up and joined the choir at age of 12 and formed a quartet with some of her cousins. There were 13 children in the family, but most of them are gone now. All of them worked on the farm. White describes the tobacco harvest. She sings "Don't You Want to Go to Heaven," as it was sung by her mother in church and by the family working in the fields. She would sing that and then get happy. "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Saying" was another of her favorites. Her mother used to find joy in fishing below the dam at Dickey Mill. White goes on to sing "This May Be the Last Time, I Don't Know." She describes old-time singing when she was a child. It was hard to sing along with instruments when everyone had been used to singing a capella. There was more feeling and spirit in that style of singing when you were not over-powered by the instruments. She sings "You're Going to Need Somebody on Your Bond."

Sister Ometta Miles Corbett in her mid sixties is the niece of Sister White and was born on the family farm. We raised tobacco which she hated, so finally they let her cook. She went to beauty school and moved away for several years, but returned to the family farm. Interview includes more singing by both women.