

Bettie Jean Doss 11 years old 7th grade
7 years in Ruleville Central High

Every November my teacher has told the class that we must go cotton picking the next day. And on the next day my classmates and I have gone cotton picking usually at Mr. Caswell May's place. The teacher tells us that we have to go to the field the next day and if we don't we'll have to pay for a hundred pounds of cotton. On the next morning the teacher tells us that we should not stand up in the fields and play around. The teacher tells us to work hard and pick cotton. I have never been paid for this work. I have seen the Boss Man on the plantation give the money to my teacher. I was 7 and in the 3rd grade when I first went out to pick with my class.

Last November the teacher who asked the class to pick cotton was named Mr. Don C. Locke.

Signed /s/ Bettie Jean Doss

Witness:

/s/ Leonard Edwards
/s/ M.C. Powell