

Shirley Ford 16 years old 8th Grade
8 years in Ruleville Central High

Every November my teacher at school has told the class to come prepared to go to the field the next day. The teacher says we have to pay the money out of our pocket if we don't come. And sometimes the teacher has said if we don't pay we won't get our report card at the end of the year. The next day every year we all go out and pick. We don't get paid. I have seen Mr. Caszell May, owner of the plantation where I have always picked, give the money to my teacher. The teacher sometimes tells us how much we made. Once it was \$50.00, but that included for selling things around school also. I was 14 in the 6th grade when I first picked cotton.

Last November I pickat at the request of my teacher who is named Mr. James Tucker.

Signed /s/ Shirley Jean Ford

Witnesses:

/s/ Leonard Edwards

/s/ Charles McLaurin