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Allen Tullos

People have told us that it was little easier back then.

Naomi Sizemore Trammel

Well, I remember, after I was grown, now, in the cloth room, we played in that cloth room. They had it upstairs, where they kept all the cloth, and they had a shoot come down, you know. And when the boss man go to his breakfast, we'd play all the time he's gone. [laughter]

Allen Tullos

What would you do when you played?

Naomi Sizemore Trammel

They had samples of cloth, little remnants, you know. Little things 'bout that wide, done up in bunles. We'd set on them, slide down that thing. Us grown! I enjoyed it to death. The only worry was that my parents was gone, I grieved —I just grieved all time about that. I've heard girls, you know, talking about "Mama done this" and "Mama done that", and it'd just break my heart. Because I didn't have none. They didn't know they doing that, you know.

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