

John "Chub" & Lydia Masten Gibbs

Introduction to Chub & Lydia Gibbs: Lydia Gibbs was born in the Avon community and has lived here all her life; Chub has lived in and around Avon all his life. They have been active in 4-H and dairy farming. They were interviewed by Dick Richmond.

Lydia: ...I was born on what we called Wall Street Pike, which is now 200 North...We had a gravel road. My father, to help pay his taxes, hauled gravel to keep the road up, even helped haul gravel on 267 to keep it up...I should have brought that tax receipt that I had from Daddy, way, way back, when he only had to pay \$10 taxes...Of course he may have hauled gravel on the road to help with the tax bill...

Dick: ...Tell me about being a farm girl...

Lydia: I carried milk up from the barn to the milk house. And before I was old enough to do that, I had to go out and stir the milk to get it cool. Daddy had a big trough with water in it, and he'd set the cans down in it, and we had this long-handled stirrer. I had to go out there in the dark, and stir that milk till it was cool. Don't think I didn't stir that milk hard 'cause I was afraid of the dark! I had to help take care of the chickens and had to carry in wood for the cook stove.

Dick: ...Is there anything else you'd like to say?...

Lydia: Well, I wouldn't want to re-live my life, but I wouldn't want any of it taken away from me, either...

Chub: I'd like to go back to my home, when we lived on the Cartersburg Road. We milked cows and I'd milk, we'd eat supper, and I'd get on my horse and ride to Cartersburg. There was five boys down there, and we'd ride horses. We'd race every night till dark. Them was the good old days.