**Growing Up on a Farm (Great Depression/World War II)**

**Questions:**

1. How did the Thomas and Moody families make a living? What did they grow on their farms? What did they sell? How did they sell what they produced on their farms?
2. Who was Peyton Washam? Why was he an important figure for both Thomas and Moody?
3. How do Thomas and Moody remember the Great Depression? How did farming shape their and their families’ experience during this time?
4. How do Thomas and Moody remember the time when their families and other local families were pushed out of their land (see “Introduction” for more information)? What was Moody particularly afraid of? How did Thomas’s understanding of that event change as she grew up?
5. What happened with the Moody family after the forced relocation?
6. In what ways was farming important in the early lives of Moody and Thomas? Did it have a positive or negative impact on their lives?
7. Based on Moody’s and Thomas’s experience, what do we learn about Arkansas farmers and farming families during World War II? Were their land and jobs secure? Or were they vulnerable?
8. What are the strengths and weaknesses of oral history interviews as historical sources?