

Anne Fourney Ramsour

Textile Worker



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Interview

Resident of Drexel, Burke County, North Carolina. She started working textiles at Burke Mill on January 20, 1969. Her first job there was an operator in the yarn twisting department. "It was a very noisy job" "\$1.85 an hour is what I started with and where you made your money, we had to do overtime."

Q: "Did you like working there?"

"Well evidently I did because I stayed. I didn't go looking for another job, and it was close to home and close to the school. So, I was looking at that."

"But since there's no industries I really don't know how the young people, unless they went to college, are going to get ahead cause it's nothing but restaurants and fast food places. That's all, am I right?"

"I'm glad my children didn't have to work all those years in the mill because, I had a sister once, she's passed, she called me and she said, "Ann, you gonna lose your health to get the wealth and after you get the wealth you're going to wish for your health". And that's so true."

"Standing up all those years on my legs, I walked the whole eight hours and had to use both hands. It wasn't a one hand job, you had to work with both of your hands... So on the whole, I'm going to say I enjoyed it."