

WAS ON TRAIN WHEN THE CREW CUT WOOD FOR FIRE

Mrs. George W. Davis of Newton, in reminiscing about the early days of Jasper county, Saturday, related that she saw the first train come into Newton on the Grayville & Mattoon railroad, now the Evansville division of the Illinois Central, and another time was on the old I. & I. S. railroad, now the Indianapolis division of the Central, when the train stopped while the crew went into the woods east of Newton to cut wood. The steam had gone down for lack of fuel until the fire went out and the train stopped.

Mrs. Davis, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Milham, was born in Livingston county but came here as a child and has resided at and near Newton ever since. In 1879 or 1880, she was on an I. & I. S. train which crossed the Wabash river near Palestine just before the bridge went out as a result of an ice jam moving out, following a period of very cold weather. She saw the bridge collapse.

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