

## Wheat Threshing Crew at Leemon in 1906



George McNeely

What was wheat harvest like in the good old days?

The above picture was taken at Leemon in 1906, when the threshing machine and separator above, owned by Dave McKee, went from farm to farm in the Indian Creek community to harvest the crop. The same steam engine was used to operate the sawmill in Leemon, also owned by Dave McKee and purchased by him from Leemon Haile who started the first mill.

Shown in the picture, left to right, are the following residents of the community 1906: Burlin Sides, Mr. Miser, James Sides, Oscar Sides, Marion Martin, Casper Ruppel, George McNeely, Ed McDowell, Edward Sides, Ben O. Quinn, Ollie Trickey. On the engine, standing up in back of the separator: Silas Sides, William Clementz, Ossian Martin, Tony Martin, Jess Martin, unidentified, Ed Cotner. Sitting on engine: Ed Story, George Ruppel, Oscar Martin. The names of children standing on separator are not known.

The picture was made by Sam Martin, a nephew of Elizabeth Doyle, the wife of Jake Doyle, who for years was a teacher in the Leemon grammar school, called by the children, "Hog Pen Academy".