A Six Year-Old Girl Picking Cotton

6-year old Jewel Walker picks cotton in Comanche County, Oklahoma. Other pictures taken in Comanche include quotations from parents and children, and detail about their labor. For example, Jewel and her younger brother, Harold (not depicted), pick 20 to 25 pounds of cotton. Their father said "I promised em a little wagon if they'd pick steady, and now they have half a bagful in just a little while."


The photographer, Lewis W. Hine is best known for his photos of child labor practices, which were produced with the support of the National Child Labor Committee from 1911-1916. He also photographed immigrants at Ellis Island starting in 1904. Hine also took pictures of the effects of World War I in France and the Balkans for Red Cross Magazine.


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