Dick Brown, Sept. 1 2000 phone call:

my "Gospel" timber beasts could be from eastern Tennessee, which sympathized w/ the Union in Civil War, stayed Republican into 1940's-50's.

--another possibility: western North Carolina
DARE, II, p. 1063—holy laugh—use w/ Angeline's Holy Roller congregation?

" " " --Holy Jumper: member of Pentecostal or Evangelical religious sect.
(citation from '42 American Slang: Holy Hoppers or Rollers,
a sect whose members exhibit frenzied religious excitement.)

have the congregation that Angeline approaches be "timber beasts," loggers brought in to cut tracks?
from can see to can't see

--use w/ Monty's family bgn: when they were in slavery? or his father's cavalry career?
Holy Rollers scene: used Deuteronomy 32:1