

we got our--after statehood, well, before statehood, we had our schools at Miami had their own school system that was just formed here in town, you know, and that was the last school I went to and that was in the old opry house there, where the right up there where the Rexall Drug store, and that's the last school I went to. But, I don't know, (Not Clear) he's dead and gone now, but he put up the first mill here in town--flouring mill. And then he was quite an operator, a sawmill operator up on the Neosho River up here. And then later, why of course, others come in here, been here since. But, I don't know, this, this town is growed up till I don't know now you go telling about these streets around here and I can tell you where so and so used to live and such and such, but I can't tell you about this town the streets, the way they're laid out and everything and somebody tell me where some certain street over here and so and so, I don't know if you tell me who they are and I know 'em, I can tell you about where to go, but I--I can't figure it out.

LOCATION OF VARIOUS EARLY DAY CHURCHES

(How about the churches?)

Well, we have a Baptist church here, it was the first, I believe it was the first church here. And well now, wait a minute, I can't-I can't say that for certain. The Friends church was here, but the first Friends church was out here at Ottawa. And then Friends church here in Miami, and it was right across from the Post Office. Where the Post Office is now. And then the Baptist church was down there where it is right now. And Mrs. Helen Likens was the first one to organize the Baptist church here and I believe that's the oldest church there is in town. I wouldn't be positive, but I think it is.