

HARVEY, COLEMAN, AND ROBINSON STARTED THE EARLY DAY MINES

Bob: Harvey.

Harvey. Troy Harvey. Yeah. It was Troy Harvey, George Coleman, and Jim Robinson. They were the first big fellows to open up these mines up here. Get here, start, start the mines over here at the Commerce, called Pattonville at that time, but it was Commerce now. Commerce, Commerce, Oklahoma. But they struck some ore up there and it was pretty good, but they had trouble. It was ah they had timbers all the way, see, they just no rock formation like it is up here at Pitcher. You go up to Pitcher that's ah, that's more of a, you got more, more, better ground conditions to work in. This up here just caved in every once in a while, you know, they just had to timber it from the ground, from the ground down through there. But that has been that has been the making this man's town.

PLENTY OF GOOD WATER INVITES INDUSTRY

We got a good farming area around here, and for a long time, why, this was all we had. We just had to depend on farming operations, you know, and livestock. But after we struck the mines up here and they got to going, why, then that just put us on, put us right up and going, helped to make the town. In fact, it did build the town. But ah later on, why, when that went through, why we got this rubber plant up here and that's been a big help to us. With the other industries, we've got several different industries around town here that has helped to make good and we've got more coming in. One big thing we've had, we've had plenty of water, artesian water all the time and, and that helps, too, you know. You've got to have water. Where you got industry you've got to have plenty of water. And we've had it here, several wells, and