

grandchildren at the present time. I farmed with horses. I milked cows and sold bottled milk for a number of years. And always got up early and worked late. When I had the delco light system I had a switch that I could turn the barn light on from the house before I went to the barn. And my neighbors told me they didn't need no alarm clock. They could just look out the window and if they say my light on at the barn they knowed it was five o'clock. (Laughter) And I, my grandfather was a Baptist preacher. And my mother, father were Baptist. Naturally I'm a Baptist. And I and my present wife belongs to the Emanuel Baptist Church in Miami today.

"That wasn't too far back."

That's right. When is it going?

(Uh-hum)

#### EARLY TERRITORIAL DAY

I was born in territory days there was no fences or no section lines to follow. You just cut across the prairies. And one place to another. But you wanted to be sure you knowed where you was going, which road to take because we used to have grass was high as a horses back. And if you get out of the road, horses couldn't hardly get through it. And I was told when the night I was born, my father went and got Forest Olds' grandmother. They call them god's mothers I think at that time. I know my mother brought many babies to this world. And he went in a wagon and a man name of John Smout that he raised, set in the back end of the wagon, that wagon with a lantern to show which, where the path was take to go to Gee-bo's. (What was the lady's name?)

Aunt Mary Gee-bo. And when I want to, there was a road to Baxter and also one to Chou-ta-pah and Miami wasn't on the map at that time. And I went to school in Miami when they had board sidewalks. And teams would