

The female at Park Hill and the one southwest of town, and so then he had to have a place for the orphan children. He went before the Council, the Cherokee council, and they gave him permission to - - they would build an orphan home and gave him permission to select the site. And he contended it should be near the central part of the Cherokee Nation. And he figured the place would be around Pryor, Oklahoma, in Indian Territory, of course at that time. He selected the site about a mile east of the State Orphan home is now and they agreed to that. But in the meantime, why Lewis Ross estate - - the heirs decided to sell the Lewis Ross estate at Salina. And he already had a big mansion there and Chief William P. Ross was chief at the time and he wrote a letter to the council and sent it and said the Lewis Ross estate was for sale, and being so near the place they had selected for the orphan home that they might be interested in it. They looked it over and they were. And bought it and paid \$18,000 for it. The Cherokee tribe paid \$18,000 for the estate.

( And made an orphan's home out of it?)

Made an orphan's home out of it. They used the building was there and added to it - - made a big building out of it.

( Was your grandfather superintendent of the home?)

Yeah. He took - - he picked - he took the children and walked the biggest ones and hauled the smallest ones from the Male Seminary up there. When they left the Male Seminary, then - -

( How many miles approximately?)

It's not far - - about, I'd say 40 miles.

( That's a good piece to walk.)

Well, yeah - - My dad was old enough to make the trip and he said he was one of the boys that walked - - they had a lot of fun - - throwing rocks at squirrels and throwing rocks - -

( Let me ask you something else while I think of it. You were telling me