

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(October 16, 1969, I'm visiting with Alvin West, a 76-year old Cherokee at the Talala Community, Rogers County, Oklahoma. Mr. West talks about some the history of this community. They are traveling around in the car.)

BUSINESS WAS ACTIVE IN EARLY DAYS OF TALALA - PERSONS

(Well, let's see about when did the Talala start? Did anyone--)

Well the bank that was built about then had 1906 on it, when we come to this community. And along about that time there was an oil boom in here. And I don't know how much farther back it was, you know. All is--I don't know, now Burt Dalton can probably tell you more than I can and he might forgot some of it, I know I've probably forgot about it.

(You say there were several stores --)

There were three--they started out I guess at the laundry, the old Rogers, that old W.C. Rogers Store down there--but a fellow by the name of Clarence Graves was running it at that time when we come here and Campbell's store, it's a Christian church house now, and the J.L. Days. And then there's a lumber yard and hardware together.

(Who was running the lumber yard?)

Old Man Wilmuth, Wilmuth, now I don't know --- can't remember his first name, It's Wilmuth's Hardware and Lumber Yard.

(You say it had a drug store, too.)

Yeah a drug store.

(Well my goodness.)

And I guess that must have belonged to Dr. E.Y. Bass because Jim Lytle was clerking in the drug store part of it and Bass' office was up above