

a turtle there by it. I took it just as I found it that day. And there was all kinds of, you know, junk, trash around it. So I took the picture and I got the signature of all the people who hauled water regularly from the spring. And I got, I wrote a story about the spring and how it helped the community but it was impure water. And all these, stories. I didn't write half of the stuff I found out about it. Just from talking to all the people around. But anyway it made a pretty good story. And I took it up to this council meeting. Handed it to Chief McIntosh and he read it and handed it to someone from the health department in Oklahoma City and he read it. And after the meeting Chief McIntosh called me, you know to come up there, And I came up and he said, "This is, I've forgotten who it was, somebody from the health department, I want you to give the paper to him." So I handed it to him and he said, "I've already read it." "I read it during the meeting." And said, "Who prepared this document for you?" I said, "Well, I did it myself." And he said, "Well you've done an excellent job." "And I promise you--and I was sure he was going to say within the next five years--you know, but he said,--"within the next two weeks we will do something about that spring." And I said, "Well, I wrote it hoping that you would say you would move in with the sanitation project." He said, "We can't right now." We have no appropriation for your sanitation project." "But within the next two weeks we will move in and do something about the spring." And they did. Oh, let's see that was in April. By August they had this well, enclosed in cement, you know, the walls were cement and they have a pump on top. And a hose where you can fill a barrel. And someone said by the time they drove in and drove out with a barrel it was seven minutes. And where it would take quite a while you know with a bucket. Kneeling down, maybe to scrap bottom and then hauling it up on your pickup to pour it in the barrel. But it's a real good thing for our community. I said, "Well, just thank God for that spring that we can use." And they said, "Yeah and thank Carmen for the pump." You know for getting it improved like that. But we had a lot of help on that project. Our county Commissioner and his group furnished the heavy equipment, you know, to dig the