

(Your mother and dad?)

Ah-hum! She was a Nave, married at Wood Mount, Cherokee Nation. But Tim Wright, he was the pastor of Wood Mount. It was a little church. Meridan Church between Tahlequah and Geary. There was suppose to be a Valentine Dance.

(That's where you all went to church?)

That's where we all went to church. We kids, you know. We were christians, right there in the Meridan Church. And so-.

(Where do you go now?)

I am Episcopalian.

(Thry don't have that church anymore?)

No! You see, when the Methodist, these other denomination like to push the other fellow out. Well, Mr. Ross, he use to be superintendent of female seminary and all. So you see, he was gonna help the Presbyterian but, Uncle John Ross who was the son of Chief John Ross and, and his second wife who was a Statler. He was a Presbyterian, and he said to Mr. Ross, wny don't you go and build your own Church. That's a Presbyterian for you. So that, when they built the little Meridan Church. So later on the, they went back east, then. They used to teach school in that, later year. Of course, that was way late. So, it finally just went down, I don't who's got it or anything. So that, about the Meridan's you see, were the first missionary that come to Oklahoma. You see, from the east.

(What year was that?)

When they all come down, they all came here you know The Trail of Tears, In 1939. You see, when ah-...

(There were settler before then.)