

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

(You were born in Oklahoma, Mr. McDow?)

Well, In Indian Territory--1886.

(1886.)

Yeah, Indian territory.

(What was your family doing?)

Well, they were--they farmed a little. And then my father was converted and made a Baptist preacher and then what boys he had, farmed. (unintelligible) was seventeen years old. And I went to work in on the farm and I--bunch of cattle crossed Red River. And I saddled my horse and went down there that night and next morning I drew my pay from him and went with the herd of cattle. We drove 'em then, up in Jefferson County and (unintelligible) and I stayed there and worked there for quite a while and then I--we drove a bunch of cattle to Beaver County, where it is now. It was territory then. And that's about all I done until I married. And after I married I farmed a little and then from that first one thing and then another, I run a few concession stands. And then I worked for the highway department for--under three governors. Then I quit in '65. Then I went to drawin' my social security at--see, I was 72 when I went to draw social security. And I lived here, bought my first (unintelligible) and I remember my mighty well, when Al Jennings run. And I think maybe he was electead, but they counted him out. And so, the first senator we had in Oklahoma was Robert L. Owens. And the first Congressman was Charlie Carter of Ardmore, I think, Congressman. And that's two of the best senators we had of this school was Bob Kerr and Robert L. Owens. And the territory governor was the first (unintelligible) and he was the first sheriff of Indian territory was Payne. And the United States government appointed him as the governor. First, appointed him to be United States sheriff and then from that he finally moved up in Indian territory. And from now on back, I don't know who was governor or nothing like that. He was the first United States Marshall. On down the line there was old Hank Thomas and Chris Madderson (?) And old Chris Madderson comed to Indian territory