

country. And I stayed with this couple four and a half years. And when my time was up they didn't want me to come. They wanted to adopt me. Oh, no. I came. And ah...I told them no, I wouldn't exchange my poor old parents for you people. Also, they have plenty and he had two daughters. She said well, we'll see that you get some of your promises if you promise to stay with us. And I said no, and I came home, and I... (interruption) And then it wasn't long after it was in 1906 then. It was about the latter part of 1905. My uncle decided ---he has lived up here, to buy a home up here.

(What's your uncle's name?)

Otto Wells. And he had a young man there. Well, he got acquainted with him. He decided that I should marry him. They was still deciding your partners for you. So I was nineteen then and I was old enough to realize that I know that my parents word was good for me and I didn't want to disobey them. I didn't want to make them heartbroken or anything like that. That's what they would call it. So I didn't want to...and then he just made my mother say yes. When she said yes, two of them together then what could I do. No love, no acquaintance; got married. Forty-six years ago, but see we was married forty-one years when we separated. And ah...that was a good thing for me because I lived more of my own life than I ever did because I was a matured woman. And although I couldn't get out and work like other people, well, I had peace at home. And my children they was all with me. And finally my brother told me to break up housekeeping and come stay with him, and so I went down, I broke up housekeeping. The boys all got married you know and he didn't want me to stay there by myself, so I went and lived with him. Seven years after my boys got in service you know he didn't want me there. I went with him and then one of 'em got fixed up, you know, so I could go with 'em to the city. And I have one to buy a home and I stayed there with them, five or six years. And then I went from there. Well that's when I started going to Norman, you know, for the summer linguistics. It was close there, and I just went there on weekends. I could come home to the city. I got on..I was old enough