

had taken lumber, the heavy bridge lumber and made it where the floor had gone out. And then where the banisters had gone out they tied ropes across and people were going across that. So my daddy was crazy enough he said well he'd try it--if the other fellow could he could do it. So we went across and we went on back then come on back up to Tuchumseh it's somewhere north of here--east of here isn't it? And we stayed a week over there with my half-sisters' family, and then we came back. We still had to go down to Purcell and then we had to come back. We had to go down there go get across. They had the bridge fixed this time when we got back in that weeks time. But loo--I wouldn't think of crossing even in a car a place like that much less a team. If the team would have got scared of that water why, it would just have been too bad for everybody that was on that. But we made the trip just fine. We all had a real nice time. This old country back in here though, the farm land seem to be mostly Indians. That's the impression I got coming through, you know. There wasn't any special roads, just dirt roads, but no main roads. I guess there was main roads after we got through Anadarko. We came down through Magnum and then Granite had started up and was a little town then. And anadarko and I don't know there might have been little places along between Granite and Anadarko but I don't remember. It just seem like we didn't see anybody but Indians. And it was in August and they were--some of them had real nice homes built, but they were laying out under bursh arbor you know, where it would be cool. It just big old Indians sitting around under those arbors, but they look peaceful, of course we know that, but what I saw was on the road, why it was part of the time--one time we got without bread, and I guess my daddy didn't know how far it was to the next stop, and we couldn't get--we didn't have any bread to eat, and we stopped at a farm house, and a lady cooked some biscuits. (That was neighborly wasn't it?)

Um-hum, everybody was then. One night back in--when we was just living in the tent they found--coming in there most of them was in their wagons, some of them come through in buggies or horseback, but I don't remember how many wagons stayed there at our place and my mother fixed supper and breakfast for 15 extra men. She wouldn't ever charge them anything, of course they give her something sometime for it, but she wouldn't charge them. She said she was too glad to get people coming in to settle. And one thing