

and eat it, and there was lots of grain dropped in there off the feed in hauling it in. And things like that, but they'd just come in there in droves, and I've gone out there lots of times and scared those birds up and they'd run in under those stacks and we'd just pull them out from under the stocks. Quails, oh quails by the hundreds, thousands I guess. They'd just come in in big droves. And my mother got some big jars and kegs and she would put those fowl and rabbits or anything they'd happen to kill up like she curing hog meat, with salt or brine. And we had meat all the time. And then we had dried vegetables and fruits and stuff, we got by just pretty good. Then in the summer that was just usually after our the country began to settle up that would--have a 4th of July. The first two or three years anyway--well, I was about 18 I think the last trip I made. Practically the whole Texola, the whole country around. There was just worlds of these big red plums. Oh, they'd be that big out on the river and we go out and gather those plums and then there were currents, wild currents and all that and we'd can we got all stuff, and like if we been living in the city if we went to the store all the time.

FIRST MOVING FROM TEXAS:

(When you first came up from Texas, was there any sense of danger about making the trip?)

No, no there wasn't any danger whatever. And the people that came in, oh, you'd hear of a fight once in a while maybe amongst the men, but they were all people, they were just civilized and young people mostly, that wanted a home, and that was their easiest way to get it. It was hard times back then. It was almost impossible to get money. I think it was--they said it was 1893, course I wouldn't be old enough to remember anything like that. My daddy fenced his--fenced that on both sides for pasture, that was his pasture. He put in a hog wire fence and I think he had over a hundred big fat hogs to sell. And meat dropped to 3¢ a pound. That was back when I was in Texas though, that was before I came here. But it was still hard times when we came to--in 1898 when we came to Oklahoma.

BACKGROUND OF FATHER:

(Was your father born in Texas?)

My father was born in--I can't think of it--he was born in Georgia, Alabama.