

This is Bill Savage with Mrs. Ivy Bigby. The date is July 11th, 1967 in Carnegie, Oklahoma.

(When did you first come to Oklahoma, Mrs. Bigby?)

My parents came to Oklahoma in 1893. And their names were John and Linda Peoples. And I was born August 18, 1893. We lived on the river bank, or not on the river. Let's say not very far from the river; except a little way from the river, close to Dungee's place. It was called the Old Dungee's place; Old Griffin place. And I was the third child of a family of ten children. My parents had ten children. And of course, they lived on that place. My daddy bought a man off. They were called squatters and he bought one of them off and we moved about half a mile on a place where there was a half dugout and a log cabin. We lived there until there were seven children born. Then, we moved across the creek; we called it the old Roberts place that dad bought. He bought another man off. And that is our old home place today. My stepmother, Mrs. Lena Peoples, still lives on the place five miles west of Carnegie. My daddy married after mother died and they had eight children, after her death. As far as to the old times, we used to - - I have seen my mother carry water from the little creek down east of the house and she'd carry a bucket in each hand and one on her head. We had to go down to this little place where we called the tank. They dug a place down there to water the stock. The herdsman would bring their cattle through there and water each evening. We'd go down there in the morning to do our laundry, our washing. Mother had a kettle - - oh, I guess maybe 18 or 20 inches across the top - - she'd heat the water in. There was a tree there that was a stump; a big flat stump. She would put a layer of clothes and a layer of soft soap, made from drippings from ashes - - she made her own soap - - then a layer of clothes and then some hot water and then another layer of clothes and then some more hot water and then another layer of clothes and us children would take a paddle and be at the dirt out of the clothes. And that