

line or gas line--I guess it was the beginning. Anyway, they blasted out through the rock and they used T & T and around our house a section of the road come out like that and we set back off from it and this hill came round like this and it was kind of flat rock stacked this way, you know, and it's this kinda rock you make cement, you know. And they, they hid them cans of T & T. Anybody that's got got any sense that cared about anything is not gonna be careless with that. Well, it came up one of these thunderstorms, you know, and there was a big herd of cattle. There were big, what you called twelve mile pasture right up on the prairie up above on top of that hill. And there came up this big thunderstorm and those cattle come runnin' down that hill, you know, they was stampeding and one of 'em--you know it jest takes 25 pound of pressure to set off one of 'em. And it set off that T & T and the rocks came down on top of our house and knocked holes in it. And for days and days afterward you go out and find pieces of cow hide, hoof, horn all over that pasture. And you know we saw a big water spout and it came down this creek and it jest sucked up every bit of water out of that creek. And it lifted it up and it went out on the prairie and it took all the fish and dumped out. And we went up on that prairie and picked up the fish. We used to go over to the Canadian River and I don't know which one of the Canadians it was, but we had to go a good ways. My father would take wagons and we'd wait until the river started goin' down, so they'd catch a whole load of fish and bring 'em to town and sell 'em. That's the way we had of gettin' extra money.

EARLY EXPERIENCES:

And one time my father was sick for a long time, so we, we rented this place about 30, 40 acres and we putted in potatoes and corn and English peas and you know, the kind of English peas we had was buyin' up real high. Well, this Mr. Ewing, you know, that we traded with we had to run a bill with him, so, we didn't you know, have a needed it for the seed. So, we let those dry and, we gathered that and we sold 'em for \$9 a hundred. You jest go down here and ask 'em how much they are, hundred pound now. I bet they cost \$30 a hundred. That's the way we paid our