

I don't think they handle copper and things of that type. But the way he'd do - - he had a friend out of St. Louis or someplace - anyway, was from East, and he would send two of those - believe called a gondola car- you know, rental. When he got it full he'd send that car and father would fill it up. You know, one man and two of three little boys, it took a lot of hard work. So, actually didn't really pay 'em off. But did give 'em some cash to go on while it was bad times. Now my father never dreamed that there was water under that well like there was. Whenever he'd dig a hole in the ground, thirty five or forty feet, and there wasn't no water there, so far as he was concerned, there wasn't any. He didn't have equipment to go deeper.

(Judy: How did they used to dig their wells?)

Well a lot of different ways. Some of 'em are still used right now. One is, you build a high derrick and then they had this huge big pulley up there and they have three or four different men - big strong guys - and they have this big rake - iron thing, you know - and it came down to a point, you know like this. You know what a plumb is?

(lean)

Now I don't mean a plum growing on a tree.

(I know what you mean.)

Just you make it straight. Well, it is similar to that only weigh about five or six pounds, see. And they'd take a shovel first and they'd dig out a little hole, fill that up with water. Then they make some kind of a guide, you know, and the guide would let it down and hit hard and loosen up that dirt. See. Then he had another thing that - well, it had a thing in the bottom of it and it came down in there and they let it down there and pick up that stuff to bring out. But they'd keep pouring in some water see. They sometimes had to haul that water, maybe 25 or 30 miles.

(They still operate this pulley by hand?)