

FATHER RAISED CATTLE AND HORSES

(What was your agriculture in those days? Was cattle raising and ....)

Mostly cattle and horses. He had - he kept stallions and jacks, dad dad, and they had several - well he had three, two stallions and a jack and he kept about 20 head of filly's mares, and at one time I saw 50 some odd head of young colts on that place.

RAISED GRAIN TO MAKE FLOUR - MILL AT SOUTHWEST CITY

(Uh, did you do any small-grain farming in those days?)

Well, some wheat. Well, lotta people use small grain because they usually try to put out enough to furnish their own flour.

(Well, they took their wheat to the mill?)

Yes. To Southwest City to the mill. Well, at first they took it to Neosho, Missouri, and then later years they took it to Southwest City and got it done there. And they hauled it off once a year and get flour and meal. About as late as 1906 and '07, they used to take it and corn to some place up in Missouri; they called it Indian Creek - there is where they had it ground.

(There are water mills were there?)

Yeah. And they had their meal ground up there. Oh, yes there's lots of trading down there. People as far down as Spavinaw on up the river. And all up and down the Grand River, go to Southwest City through there. They buy groceries and they usually make a trip and take a couple of wagons to take flour, no - grain up there and bring their flour back.

(Was that about the nearest railroad too?)

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FIRST RAILROAD NEAR SOUTHWEST CITY BUILT 1900 - ESTABLISHMENT OF JAY, OKLAHOMA

No. About in 1900, the Frisco brought and built a spur through Rogers, Arkansas, down through here far as Grove. And my wife's father was in Southwest City, and he worked there in a mercantile business and then later 'bout 1912 he came into Oklahoma country. And later, he came to Spavinaw. And he stayed