

(This is Bill Savage lwith Mrs. E.F. Kelley, northwest of Norman, Oklahoma. The date is June 12, 1967. Mrs. Kelley is going to talk about hef family's experiences in Oklahoma, particularly the exper-  
inece of her father, John Monroe Dixon.)

FATHER'S EXPERIENCES IN OKLAHOMA:

Well, my father came up from Texas with his mother and older brother s when I think he was 'round 12 years old. They settled in what was the Indian Nation. He went, you know, he hired out--course all of 'em had to work and he hired out for \$1.00 a month herdin' cattle. While he was herding cattle, that's the way he got his education, on a slate and a pencil, slate pencil, you know. My grandmother, she had a few head of cattle of her own. His older brother was a freighter out of Texas, you know, Gainsville, Texas, into the new country. He hauled freight of all kinds, you know, especially lumber.

(What was his name?)

His name was Jim Dixon/ He was quite a bit older than my father, 18 or 19 years older than my father. Anyway, he hauled all kinds, ex-pecially lumber. He had a string of Oxen. Well, they never hauled with horses. Course, whiee my father learned, you know, to be a black smith. He found that he could do better and make more for a family . And he also found out that the Indians couldn't buy plow shares, you know, and things like that like other people could. So he learned t o make these plow shares and he traded them, you know, to the Indians or do the kind of livestock they had and sometimes they'd pay in work. And when he got older he leased a ten mile pasture. And he leased this pasture to put this tock in. Well, when he would get too many hogs to keep, you know, they had to live on weeds and things