

born that year. And they was four years old when we sold them to the fire department. They hooked them to a dray wagon and they got way down there on south Straper were the coal shoots - where the old coal shoots used to be. They got down there and they put them horses under a whip and ran them up to the Cobb Hotel to see how their wind was. Their wind was good and after they passed on that they wanted to know if the horses was mean to kick or bite o paw. I told them no. I says, I was the one that done the talking - I says, "No," I says, "I drove them horses all night." And I was just about 16 years old. They bought them right straight off. They didn't want to know no more about it. He gives me \$300 for the two. We'd buy any kind of horse then for about \$25 or \$30. But they give me \$300 for that team.

(Well, was it along about that time that you had occasion to be an interpreter at some of the federal court trials for some of the...)

#### EXPERIENCES WHILE AN INTERPRETER

That was after that. That was after I married. When Billy Simms was the United States Commissioner at Vinita. He was the one that recommended me to go to Muskogee and interpret the trial. And Joe Tincup and Dave Hare, they got them for - try to pump it out of them where they got their whiskey. That's what they were trying to do because there was several people that moonshiners over in the hills and that's what they was trying to do. They was trying to run down the moonshiners. 'Course when I got down there I seen who it was. I said, "They can talk as good of English as I can." And so I told Dave, I said, "As long," I said, "you talk to him," I says, "you don't need my interpreter." I says, "You was in the fifth grade when we quit school. And," I says, "you know you can talk just as good as I can." So when Joe come up I sit in there. They let me sit there and they told me sit there and they brought Joe in and ask me if I knew him, and I said I knew him. He was raised right there, east of Pryor...

(Were those Indians up on a federal charge?)

Yeah, for being drunk. They was trying to make them tell where they got the