

to go across 'cause I lived down in the Tahlequah area, and we went across there and it was alright. Well, by gosh when we come back, it had been raining up north somewhere and we had crossed it in a wagon, and when we come back it almost floated our wagon box over. And I know it was hot weather. In hot weather when the water hit our feet--after it'd been so hot you know, they started swelling. (Laughter) One boat--the only flat bottom that ever come down here--and that was my aunt's daddy, Mr. Carlton. It came down even below that in a flat bottom boat.

(It started up in Missouri.)

Yeah, he lived on this side of the river than ran the ferry, and people that lived on that side, have to call him over when they needed him. They had a boat--they never did have a cable boat up there, just had a ferry. I don't know about the ford. They had a ford too. One time that river froze over. That was in 1899. I remember that very well--it was after I graduated and I was teaching up there. And that river froze over, and we crossed it over on the ice, in a hack. You know what a hack is.

(Yes.)

Well, there were two--at the little school I went to was Belleview.

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(That was down here in what's the Power Plant area now.)

No, it wasn't that far over. There used to be a big house, right down there, you know this house on the corner where you turn--it was about 100 yards right over in the next (not clear)--well it