

I don't 'member but they always, they claimed, that my cousin, Luther Elkins, see he was the oldest boy in the family and then they, you know how they are about the first son, he had one. And all I can remember--one time they had a dance right across from the graveyard. And that's the only dance that I can remember. But I know they go lots and I was like little kid. But my aunt lived at Gray Horse where you cross that little creek on from the cemetery you know? Well, she lived back that way. And we all stayed down there.

EXPERIENCES DURING THE WAR YEARS

(Well, did you all move to Pawhuska when your mother married?)

Uh-huh, she come over here and then she was married. All her folks died and she was blind and nobody to take care of her so she come over here and she got acquainted and they got married. She never went back. Then when he died she married Conway. But she always said we belonged over there.

(Well, is this your allotment?)

Uh-huh, this is my homestead. My homestead was over there on the river and I changed it to here. I had this for a home and told them I'd rather have it here.

(Question not clear.)

--yeah I think they did. See we left and we went to Washington. We went to Washington. That's where Jess's people are.

(Did a lot of the people from around here leave then?)

Some of them did. They said some of Fairfax women went over to Wichita to work. Jesse worked in a ship yard and he got hurt and I worked in a canning factory. I worked there about three weeks.

(How come you all to choose to go way out there?)

Well, he used to work for Kaisers here and then they needed help you know over there, so he wanted to go. So we went. He got on the ship. Oh I tried, I hated it. Just rained, oh it rained all the time. And Teresa worked and Gloria worked. So there was just me and that little ones home. I never was so tired of rain in my life. Everybody said you could see Mountain Hood, I never did see