

IN EARLY DAYS MOST PARENTS WERE INTERESTED IN EDUCATION FOR THEIR CHILDREN

(What was your early schooling?)

My schooling? I started at Locust Grove. I never did go down to Hogan Institute, but we went to Locust Grove and we moved down here in 1897 and father moved us down here. He went to Tulsa. He went to Wagoner. He went to several other towns and Pryor too. 'Course he's in and out of Pryor and he was looking for schools to educate his family. And I want to say this for my father and mother, and people as a general rule, when I was just a little child, they were interested in education. They actually were looking forward and to look at places. I've had cousins and I've had brothers and sisters that were sent to Missouri and Tennessee and to Texas to various schools. Way back then before this century you know. Sent them off to the boarding schools. The parents would send them and of course we moved down here on account of the seminary. On account of the seminary--on account of the Presbyterian Mission and, of course, later on this college up here. We had no idea when we came here that it was going to develop of course.

PEOPLE GOING WEST USED MARKHAM FERRY

(In addition to moving cattle and other stock on the Markham Ferry up there, was there any through traffic of wagon trains?)

Yes.

(Going to the west?)

Yes, yes.

(What do you remember about some of those people or do you remember?)

Jim, I don't remember too much about them. I was six years old at the time.

But I do remember wagon trains passing our house and we--as children we would ask where they were going and my father and mother would say they're going west. That was the answer we got. "Where are those folks going?" And I can remember oxen pulling the wagons. 'Course they had some horses and few mules but there was quite a few oxen. My father use to haul, he had a contract with the furniture