

Yeah, they use to have a stagecoach between here and Ft. Smith--Ft. Gibson rather. Stagecoach.

(That was the old time stagecoach?)

That's the old time stagecoach. One left in the morning and one got in here about five or six o'clock in the evening. That's 28 to 30 miles and took an all day trip.

(Well, the roads weren't too good were they?)

That's right.

OTHER TRANSPORTATION - HAND MADE SPURS AND BRIDLE BITS

(All the other transportation was by horseback, buggies, and wagons?)

Uh huh. This fellow said to me, "What are you doing this afternoon tomorrow?"

Then he said "Don't you have some folks that live over on Spring Creek?" I said

"I have a sister, Eliza Emery that lives over there." He said, "You reckon they

could tell us where Joe Beck Christie lives?" I said, "Well Joe Beck doesn't

live very far from where my sister lives." He said, "Well I wish you'd go over

there with me this afternoon, he's made a pair of spurs and some bits for me, bridle bits and I want to go get them." And we went over there and sure enough

Eliza--well we went down there.. That Indian had an anvil and a bellows and a

file and a blow torch and a hammer and that's all the tools that he had in that

shop. But he made the most beautiful pair of spurs and bridle bits that I ever

saw in my life. He had the rowel, the portion of the calf, the rowel the shank

was the shape of a goose's neck. And he put copper on the end of that for the

goose's beak you know, and it was a beautiful piece of work. Just perfect.

MONETARY EXCHANGE IN EARLY DAYS

Chief Keeler has been a pretty good chief.

(He has, he's been a wonderful man. He's done a lot for the Indians.)

I think he has too.

(Now, back around the statehood time, Hogan, I've often wondered, what was the

monetary exchange in those days. Did they have greenbacks like we have now,

and silver?)