talked to fellows that homesteaded in Kansas and they's come down here to Kennison, but they didn't get down this far. They'd get their coal from down here, up there, way back there, right after the Civil War. When they homesteaded, you know that was not too long after the Civil War.

(Well, this has been an interesting part of the country up here--so much has taken place, so many changes made.)

Yeah, there's sure a lot of changes.

BUSINESSES - DOCTORS

(What were some of the big businesses here when they did have a good size town here?)

Well, stores, things like that, First National Bank was the first bank here. And it was a good big bank. And then, had a State Bank just across the street there, and Mercantile, they started. We had a store here that went in, the Mercantile, had a light plant, 500 watt, 500--light plant. And run it here for two or three years, and we had lights, electric lights, and oh, as good as they had anywhere. And the Mercantile, it was a big store. They had to handle everything.

(Who were your early day doctors here?)

Well, Elam was one. He was among the first. I don't remember but Johnson I imagine was--he was--he lived right over here on, just a couple 3 miles north. Johnson did, when this town started. Just a short--he lived on Kelly's place, just a short time after Tom Kelly come in here. And he lived on one of Kelly's places, not when this town started, I don't reckon, but just a short time afterwards. That settled up on Clear Creek. That's where Johnson lived, just a country doctor. I expect he was here maybe before Elam, but Elam was one of the first.

LAW AND ORDER IN EARLY DAYS - INCIDENTS

(What was your law and order here, did you have a town marshall?)