

games, things of that kind.

(Indian games. What's the name of that river there, the Neosho, is it?)

The Osheo(?) comes in west there, down by Miami. I never seen a fight.

Spring River.

(Spring River.)

I never seen anybody even made in the two years I was there.

(Did you get to go to any of the stomp dances they had?)

Oh yeah. Yeah, but you had to dance.

(What kind of a ceremony did they have there?)

Well, you couldn't tell, it wss all Indian.

(Well, how would they dress? Did they have a regular dress?)

Yeah, they just dressed regular like they went everyday. Never changed

clothes when they went to a stomp dance anymore than put on the bells

on their feet.

(They just danced to the drum and singing.)

Just singing...they didn't have no drum.

(No drum?)

No drum. But if you went to it, you had to dance. I went to it one or two nights, those Indian boys (rest of sentence inaudible)

(Then you came down here in 1893 then?)

Yeah.

TOWN OF VINITA IN EARLY DAYS

(Well, what was Vinita like when you came here?)

Well, it wasn't much town here. The business part of town was all on the east side. Down there on 2nd street. Old John Swain had a grocery store on one corner, and Ballentine had a grocery store on the other corner. That's the only stores there was in town. And, there was no clothing stores or anything of that I can remember of ever seeing.