(Today I am visiting with George and Belle West and their son Hurt. These folks were born and raised in the Three Forks Community and have been here all of their lives. They tell me interesting things that have passed down from their people and from their own observations.)

Mrs. West: Yes, Hurt could a got a lot of history. You know if you could jest a--oh papa told him a lot of things then.

(1845, that was when he was born. What was his name?)

Mrs. West: Frank Smith.

(Frank Smith)

TRACES FAMILY HISTORY

George West: His birth is recorded in this old Bible. (displays family Bible) That is my great grandpa. That's Mama's grandpa. That is F. M. Smith Sr. Died Jan. 7, 1862 at the age of 45 years. And then Mrs. Elizabeth Smith died Dec. 16, 1872. And that's a bunch of the deaths of the family. Now that was my great grandfather and sommers here is, now here is a--now's here's marriages. Frank M. Smith was married to Ella Fields April 17, 1871. Mama's father, Mama's grandfather, that was Frank Smith Sr. He came to Ft. Gibson somewhere after they established Ft. Gibson and he came there from Baltimore, Maryland. And he worked in some capacity at the Fort back in those days. Worked for the Quartermaster or somethin' and the story goes back there in Maryland that he had been a Army man, he'd been in the Army, but when he came here I don't think he--I heard, I don't know whether he had a commission or whether he did or whether he didn't, I don't know. Some of these days if I ever get back there you can find out. I've heard that he was a West Pointer. Well if he was there's no record of it. But he came to Ft. Gibson, he had to come somewhere in around the 30's.

Mrs. West: Well I've heard papa say that he was educated in West Point.

George West: Well, mama I've heard that too, but (not clear). Born Oct. 15, 1845.