

then throwed 'em in the fire. Lived in Ft. Gibson then. And they--she had raised two orphan boys and one of these boys was with this bunch that come to rob us and so he wouldn't let 'em rob us. This boy he knew us, he wouldn't let 'em rob us.

EARLY DAY CONDITIONS AND CUSTOMS

(What was the Community called that you were born in out here, or did it have a name?)

Mrs. West: Well it didn't have no name. After they built some school houses, why they called it Three River School House. After that--

Hurt West: There's grandpa--

Mrs. West: (First part of sentence not clear), they was, they's jest two school houses around, two, three school houses but, now, there was just one school house when my brothers, oldest brothers went to school. They called it the old Log School House. It 'us a log school house.

(Where was it located Mrs. West?)

Mrs. West: Right below this cemetery down here. Jest right, little ways below the cemetery.

George West: Well, you learned anything?

Mrs. West: (not clear) yeow.

(All in this Three Forks area.)

Mrs. West: (not clear) and hay.

Hurt West: Get out in this corner and this is where the hay starts. They've broke out all this prairie in their time out here.

Mrs. West: When we--it'us all corn and cotton.

George West: Well long back then they didn't farm, only little patch a corn, little patch a cotton and the woods full a hogs, cattle, open range.

Mrs. West: And cattle and horses. They all run out on the range. Was I guess, she wasn't a full-blood, but she was, I 'magine 'bout half-breed maybe.

(Well, Troy looks like he's nearly a full-blood doesn't he?)