

George West: Have you got a picture of that old outfit that us build there at Jeff's old place y'know.

LAND AREAS DRAINED BY THREE RIVERS AROUND FORT GIBSON

Mrs. West: Arkansas and Grand River and Verdigris runs together, why before you git--

Hurt: Well they've--well I've forded the river at Ft. Gibson in my time. They wasn't a--there's a ferry boat there, I think this is 'tween here and Ft. Gibson now on this road 'tween here and Ft. Gibson. That wagon bridge wasn't built till up in the '20's. They was a ferry boat there and then when the river 'us down why you go down, why one time we went to Ft. Gibson in the wagon and forded the river down there.

George West: Yeow, you could go just down below the bridge down there.

Hurt West: And they used to be one right out here on Grand River they called Wickliff Ford. Ford the river up there.

George West: I've forded it many a time up there at the Wickliff ford you call it, but I couldn't ford it there now, that's all water. (laughter)

(Yeow, I don't imagine you could ford the river anywhere now could you?)

Mrs. West: No. Don't think so.

(Well was Grand River, I mean Arkansas River has it always been sandy?)

George West: Yeow.

(It's always been a sandy river?)

Mrs. West: Yeow.

George West: That's where they used to get all the sand y'know, to build with, but they don't anymore.

(It's all growed up in timber wince you can remember. Where they used to have big fields out here, it's all woods now. Well this sure has changed.)

Mrs. West: Yeow. 'Tween here and Wagoner they's two or three places there as you goin' long, used to be big fields, why it's jest woods now.

Goerge West: Brush.