

MORE BUILDINGS IN WELLING

(Did you have a blacksmith shop here at Welling in the early days?)

Yeow.

(Who run it? Do you remember?)

Oh, I fergit that old fellers' name. Dad-gum they changed hands, you know, and you'd go down to the cotton gin that used to be there.

The old dippin' vat, I helped build it. It's still there. Over there, back over yonder by that Brooks' store. Old man Horace Rosedale round yonder, that's a pretty old fellow too. Nice too. Blacksmith down there.

(Shoed horses and mules huh?)

And fixed wagons, buggies and--

(Well, you worked there at the blacksmith shop didn't you?)

Done the same thing at Westville and Addielee and Chance, Oklahoma. Worked there with Pilgrim Chance. Me and his boy.

(Well, they used to have some good carpenters in those days didn't they?)

Yes sir!

(Fellow could build good log houses.)

Yeah. They hewed 'em. Well now over yonder on that 85 acre that my sister filed on. 'Bout \$400.00 gettin' all the land she'uz entitled to. I told Pa--I was batchin'--way fore I was married, built that little nice log house, side room and a porch. I told him I said, them Blanks Brothers at Stillwell, they run a big sawmill way over there on Dry Creek, back in there next to Charlie Brewer's. And I told Pa. I says, "You want to fix you a house on there?" I said, "If you will build it, I'll haul the lumber from in down there!" So he went down there and made a deal. So I was workin' there balin' those shingles for them fellers, you know.