

(Yeah, that would be interesting.)

Yeah, my wife, we were just laughing, she was born in 1912. She's a lot younger than I am. 'Course, this is my second wife. I lost my first wife in '63 up here at Pryor. They used to be quite a little town here. We had a cotton gin. I know we had about four or five stores, and a little barber shop. They had scales here, they brought corn and hogs over here. Railroad was completed in 1912. I lived at Strang, since 1912. We moved down here and went to Strang, I was there when they drove the golden spike in Strang. They pulled up on the old spike, that big shot, I've forgot what his name was on the passenger train, he had his flags all over, white flags. He went and drove the golden spike in the old hole of the other spike they pulled out, you know. We, all us kids got to laughing, he ain't much of a spike driver, he bent that spike little driving in that hole where one had already been. Us boys got to laughing about it, you know, so they drove this over the spike then they got out and pulled the spike and they headed on north.

(Right there in Strang, was it?)

Right where the street crosses the old railroad now going--

(Now, that's something that is interesting about the early history of this country. I guess they shipped a lot of grain out of here when they had the railroad?)

Oh yeah, they used to load corn right over here. They had a little ole portable depot. Wasn't no agent, just to shelter stuff, you know; people waiting for a train, you know. Yeah, they also shipped out a lot of ash material,--handle material because of the mountains here. Tom Tucker and Joe Horton worked whole one winter here hauling that stuff, just cut about so long and hauled it--

(There must have been a lot of ash.)

There was lots of ash on these mountains. Lots of ash. I don't