

they began to prorate the wheat ground, we couldn't sell that heavy machinery because people couldn't afford to buy it for twenty acres or eighteen or whatever they supposed to get. This old tractor out here trying to sell it. I hate like the dickens to sell it. But that was one of our tractors. We took it as trade in and my husband kept his just because it was a good tractor. He wanted it just to mow all this out here. But that's the reason this guy traded it off. He couldn't use it anymore. And they wouldn't let him have enough ground so he could use it. But now I think its all in grass. (It looks like it.)

Everything's in grass.

(What isn't in grass, its being dug up for coal.)

Yes. There's all this back up in there for coal. Couldn't get over here in this part.

(Well how long has this strip coal mining been going on?)

I don't know. George Ward, he and they brought it about '44 or '49. Some where at that time. But they started at Sequoyah and came this way:

(And that community at Sequoyah now is that a fairly recent activity or is it an old place?)

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That's an old place? Now the oldest towns, that I can remember is Chelsea is one of the oldest. Claremore is another one. But between Chelsea and Claremore, Bushyhead--Well Foyil is an old one. And that was named after Abe Foyil, then Sequoyah. And Sequoyah's been there a long time. They've all been there about the same time. I remember back when before statehood they were all there.

(Well did that community of Sequoyah have store and a church, a school, like--)