

POLL TAX ROADS IN EARLY DAYS

"Cause them days they worked poll tax. What they call poll tax?

I can see some of the signs on these old roads where they worked out their poll tax.

(What do you mean their tax to vote?)

I guess that's what it was. I never did learn what it was. But anyway, every year they had to put in four days work. On the road, you know.

(For taxes?)

For taxes. They called...they called it poll tax, so I don't know.

I guess they probably put in poles everywehre.

ENTERTAINMENT - SOCIAL LIFE IN EARLY DAYS

(And what...what did you do around in here for what did the older folks do at that when you were a youngster for entertainment?)

Well, entertainment...all the entertainment they had was the square dance. Just old country square dancing and going to church. That's all recreation if you call it recreation. That's it.

(That was their social life?)

That was social life. And...

(Do you remember any of the old folks telling stories of what...times down here before statehood?)

Yeah. I remember my grandmother, you know, she came over the "Trail of Tears".

(She's the one that you had the picture of?)

Yes. And I've got it here. But she was just a little girl when she came over the "Trail of Tears". And we'd gather up here for...you know, a lot...to have a lot of fun right here at this little old spring. And it used to be a good hole of water right there. And in order for people what we call fun...gettin' in water fights with one another, you know. And just have a big time right here. And then we'd go around we had baseball games. We made 'em, we didn't have no baseball with