

Uh-huh.

(For the date that he has on his book, 1872. That was a long time ago.)
Long time.

(Nearly a hundred years ago.)

Willie Bates, he carried the mail here. And he carried it to Evansville.

(Yeah. Willie Bates?)

Yeah.

(Brought mail from Evansville over here.)

He brought from Tahlequah.

(And to Tahlequah, then back again.)

(sentence not audible.)

(Well, in latter years then they had a railroad that went through the country somewhere through here, didn't they?)

Part of that railroad when through Welling.

(Went by Welling. Yeah.)

Uh-huh.

(Yeah.)

Most of (remainder of sentence not clear.)

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(Yeah, I guess it was (word not clear). Plenty wild game and the people got by alright.)

(All of them had little gardens and patches of grain and things.)

But the civil war come up, you know, and broke them up.

(Well, how did the Civil War effect the Keys family? Did it hurt them?)

Well, it hurt everything...

(Well.)

Now my folks when the war got so bad they had to move out, you know. And they went down on Boggy and from there they went into Texas. They stayed a little while. And then they come back, you know. And they say there