

by the time he was ready to come back with his family and two other families with him on the way here - - well, he said he had three wagons and had three sets of oxen hitched to each wagon and drove those hogs all the way from Texas back to this country.

( Back to this country?)

Yeah. Un Hunnh - And he said the miracle of the thing was they fattened on the way. They fattened every step of the way on acorns - found their own feed and fattened every step of the way.

( Acorns and grasshoppers?)

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( Instead of losing weight, they gained weight?)

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(Well, interesting too, I think you would tell about his wanting to care for these orphan children.)

Well, being a preacher and people were destitute - - there wasn't anything here.

Doggone - - they were just living on grass, I guess, and weeds, 'bout all they could find. From what they said, I guess all they could find. He had this bunch of hogs and 'course he divided them sparingly where it was necessary - - they were for that purpose. And he was a diligent man in dividing them up and gathered up the orphan children and the old Male Seminary was vacant.

( Was that the Seminary south of Tahlequah?)

Yeah. Southwest of town about a couple of miles of - and the soldiers had used it during the war - - down stairs for stable for the horses and up stairs for barracks. And he finally got so many orphans ; he cleaned out the seminary and used it for school for orphan children. And used it until the Cherokee government was ready to open up both the Male Seminary and the Female Seminary. - - the one out at Park Hill. And the one out there - - they are both still standing.