

did too. And by then, he come to place where he could hire some more hands. Them boys did. He hired some more hands. My daddy and them Indians come back, but they helped them that far, but they had the cattle well broke then.

(Yeah.) (End of Side B)

EARLY DAY TRAVEL

---big dry goods and grocery store there. Him and his wife lived there. Well, when my daddy come back in and he--they told him that's Wilson Rider. He went over there (laughter)--nothing to do but what my daddy and mother going to stay all night with him. He wanted to talk about old times.
(That's right.)

They stayed all night with him till way the next evening. Then, they come back--started back home. But that was the main road right here. It went to Wagoner. One probably went on to Pryor and here's one that went towards Claremore, big, well, plain-traveled road. People traveled that way. The rest of the old roads was just old rocky road, rough roads, but this was the main traveled road.

(Well, did they have a ferry on the river or ford the river?)

Yeah, had a ferry right down there where they call it Melvin now. They had a ferry boat. They didn't have no bridge. They had a ferry boat there, but when the river was down low, you could ford it down below there. There's a good ford, but when it was up to normal ferry, you couldn't ford it. You had to cross on that ferry boat. They ferried wagons across that. Yeah, they ferried wagon across that. There used to be--people used to go (words not clear).

WAGON TRAIN TO CALIFORNIA - GOLD RUSH

They go plumb to California, that gold rush time, you know.