

(Well.)

And I couldn't realize it then when they did start this railroad.

And they had a camp over there close to my dad's. And mother used to sell all of her eggs, her chickens and her garden produce to them, you know. And her milk and butter.

(Before they had the railroads was there any method of transportation for travelers through the country?)

No, they had their own--

(No stage coach or anything like that?)

Huh-uh. Huh-uh. I never did remember a stage coach or anything in through here.

(Some places did have. I've heard that there used to be a stage coach between Tahlequah and Fort Gibson.)

Yeah.

(Long before they had any railroad through there.)

I don't ever know of any that ran through here. Never heard my folks talk about any. I do know that there was a trail right west of here. Right on the top of that hill there.

(Yes, ma'am.)

Chisholm Trail, I believe that's what it was.

(Well.)

It run north and south. And they used to drive stock, you know, backwards and forwards--

(Yes, ma'am.)

From Texas and this part of the country. I used to hear my dad talk about when he was a boy going out on those drives.

#### COMMUNITY OF CLEORA

(Let's see how far are you from the community of Cleora?)

Well, Cleora's about five miles right south of here. You know, out here where there's a junction light.