

(Yeah.)

Sure was. You know the almighty dollar is all they think about.

(How did people make a living here when you all came down?)

Well. Lots of farming then, you know.

(Yeah.)

People brought their cattle down and they don't raise stuff. Then there was a tie yard there. And here was this shipping point, both for grain and stock and then--some of them worked at Vinita and some worked at Fern and all. You see, when we first come here there wasn't no bridge out here. Just a ferry up there. We had to go around Vinita was the trading place. And we just got mail twice a week.

(And it came by horseback from Vinita.)

Yeah.

(Well.)

NAMES OF FAMILIES LIVING IN EARLY DAYS

(Some of the old families.)

Well there was the Branden family.

(Yeah.)

And John West.

(Yeah.)

Across over there. A lot of the Wests. And Craigs. And Carnes was a banker here. And yeah, oh there was so many of them. Let's see--

(And the Adairs.)

Adairs, I know them and the Benges. Yeah.

(Benges.)

They were an old family, they lived just across the river, you know. The way it is, it don't impress you like way back in the earlier times. 'Cause now things change so fast, things done such a different way you'll take up here it was just gradual.

(Yes.)

There was everybody was--they was--all we all was poor folks, you might say.