

down here. I never saw anything like it. I think I was about (not clear) Yeah, Fourth of July. There was standing room only. Boy, I tell you there was lots of people. Everybody wanted to ride the train.

(Yes sir, I wish I could have lived in that time and seen that.)

Yeah.

(I guess Tahlequah was quite a place, wasn't it, in those days?)

Yeah, that was about the busiest place around. I guess Muskogee was the next.

(Yeah.)

Yeah. And seem like it used to rain and wash out the railroad. (static)

It seem like it used to rain. I seen it wash the doggone railroad out several times close to that old store building down there. Maybe they would fix up that mud hole, but it would come another rain and wash it off again. Really did have a time. I was a big old boy, I used to like to go down there and watch'em you know. Boy them fella wading around in water knee deep packing ties, dredging up under the rails so that they could get the train over it.

(What was that? Was that the Frisco?)

Yeah. Branch of the Frisco out of Fayetteville. Run to Okmulgee. A lot of thing I could think of but its been so long.

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(Now that must have been the way people made their living by lumber and saw-mills and little farming, I guess, a long time ago.)

That was it. Well, if a fellow didn't raise something, 'course everybody raised corn, and beans, you know.

(Yeah.)

Turnips, and potatoes. Well, if you hadn't raised them I guess you'd starve out.

(Probably so.)

But everybody generally put up enough stuff to get through the winter. Kraut,