

(Yeah.)

My father's people came from--through from Georgia and Tennessee. So its pretty old. But now course where Briartown is now, is not the original Briar town. It was way back over there north and east of where the town is now.

(Oh. Is there a railraod that goes through there?)

Oh yeah. Used to be Midland Valley. They changed it.

(Yeah.)

It run across the river way down below down there and the bridge washed out in about 1904 or 1908. And then then moved it from back up the river. It used to come way around here in a circle and come back into Stigler. But now it comes straight across. Yeah, they changed. This is Missouri Pacific that brought this line down. Used to be Midland Valley.

NAMES OF SOME OF FAMILIES WHO LIVED IN THE COMMUNITY

(Who were some of the families that you remember of the early day Briartown community?)

Well, now you speaking of whites or Indians?

(It don't make--either kind.)

Well, now let's see. The old man Allen lived up north of us there. He was one of the old time settlers that come in there and settled on land before the alloted it, see and worked it. And then there was old man Mavery. I think maybe we were related. They had come in there. And then there was old Doc Stevens. He came from Arkansas and went to practicing medicine there. He wasn't--he just took doctoring as a profession. He never took no training, but he did real well, I guess. And then there--I don 't know when the Looneys came in there, but I guess the Joneses. I went to school with them. And the Marshalls. They had come in there in that area about then. Then the older Indians. Why there was the Wests, the Starrs, and the Barnes.

(Was there any of the Ross faction down that far south?)