

the white people. And they built big road houses, what we'd call I guess now, big log houses and barn. Fill them with feed. He had groceries, everything. They settled people would feed their stock and give 'em food. Well, they stayed there till the Civil War. And so, they were suffering. The Feds come in there and went through 'em. Burn their buildings.

(Yeah.)

Steal sheep and cattle. It wasn't the federal army. You know it was confederate army.

(Yeah.)

That did that. And they pulled up and went to Texas. Stayed till after the war. They never did go back there. When they came back they settled in this side of Arkansas river down there at Fort Smith, down close to my father.

(Yeah.)

Back in that part of the country. Good people. I went down there two or three years ago. I never had been down there. Live this close to 'em and I don't know why I didn't. I went down there. That's the prettiest place you ever saw.

(Well.)

And they've all all this stuff cleaned out just like that everywhere, you know. Its all grass. And those people, there's one old man down there. He told me where all the houses was belonged to so and so and so on, you know. He said, you know them Ross houses. This stuff was torn down last year. If I had been there a year sooner I could've seen it.

(You could've seen 'em.)

But there was a whole string of 'em. There's and--whold bunch of 'em. But I never showed up there. I did some travelling.

(Yeah.)

His dad he was Andrew Ross. (tape skip)