

/second female voice: Best part of it is on that side./

The better part of town is on the east side. And I can remember that. Mama was in that house sewing at her machine and I was with her.

We waited till she went out to the front gate with me to see what that was. When we got there, why we saw a man lying out in the street.

(Well.)

And this Johnny Davis got on his horse and, oh, he went off just as fast as he could. And they had to go, was it Ft. Smith? I believe they held court there.

(Yeah, there was court there.)

Ft. Smith. Oh, there was a shooting scrape there once in a while just that way.

(Well, Vinita wasn't very large then, was it?)

No, it wasn't very large.

/second female voice: Was that Downingville or Vinita then?/

It was Vinita, but Downingville, Marshall Stevens told us, was about three miles kind of southeast of here. Then these railroads crossed, you know, I think they crossed in, I believe it was '72. 1872. Then they wanted to move the town up, you know.

(Yeah.)

And Indians around told 'em to locate right around in this locality where it is now.

(Yes.)

That the storms either went over or they went around.

(Well.)

And that's been proven.

(It certainly has.)

But my, the way they are changing the contour of our land, it might get here, yet.

(That's most interesting. Downingville.)