

INTRODUCTION

(September 10, 1969. Today I'm visiting with John Topping, who is eighty-six years old. Mr. Topping talks about much of the history of the central part of Washington county. He has lived in this area all of his life and has known many experiences, has known many peoples and things that have happened to this country.)

TREE HAULING

So that's how I got hooked up in tree hauling.

(Well. Where did you haul your lumber from?)

Mostly Nowata here. Well, I haul some from Bartlesville. That is way up north there.

(Yeah. Well, let's see now. There's Fish Camp and Oglesby.)

Right here. We start at Tyner. Tyner was the first school. And then there's Oglesby. And then there was Fish Creek. And let's see, I'll get them all straightened out here. Fish Creek and then Rice Creek. That's on the highway, too. And then Antioch, that's over east. Way northeast in there. Now, I believe that's as far as I went. Seem to me like I haul some up north, but I forgot whether I did or not.

(Yeah. Well, then the Steel Camp came later then.)

No. The Steel Camp I hauled it right after Oglesby, you see. Well, I hauled both of 'em there. Deliver both of 'em at the same time.

I knowed there ought to be another one there somewhere, but I forgot Steel Camp. Well, then there's Pleasant Valley, too. Now, it was all in the same district as Steel Camp, but the creek was between 'em and there wasn't no way of getting across. So never went to Pleasant Valley, but it's still there. Fella bought and just made a dwelling house out of it.

TOWN OF OGLESBY

(How did that Oglesby get named that?)

Well, there's an old fella there by the name of Oglesby. Lived there