

She tells that when she was a small girl there used to be a little place across the river from the Salt Springs called Spring Creek Town. Here was a little General Store, and the McKinley Ferry. Later the Iron Mountain Railroad came nearby and there was a station stop. Of this little place she remembers best the big picnics that were held on the Fourth of July for many years.

She has heard her older people relate a story closely related to the Salt Springs. It seems that two men had gone into Mexico, and had robbed a pack train of \$20,000 in gold. Four Mexicans had followed the two men and the mules that carried the gold, and caught up with them near the Arkansas River. A gun fight followed and the four Mexicans were killed. The two men stopped at Salt Springs, intending to settle in the area. One day they got into an argument and shot it out. One of the men was killed, and the other died later. No one knows what became of the gold, or if they actually had any. If they did have gold, the question has been food for discussion by many old timers. Some had reason to believe it was buried near the Salt Springs, and if so is it under water now, or where?