

Yeah, he was the preacher down there. He was the only one that lived right there in that vicinity. Then, of course, there was other preachers that come in for the meetings, you know, like the other ones from the other places. (static)

(You were in bad shape, couldn't talk Cherokee or English?)

I know it, and they used to couldn't understand either. They would just be kinda lost there long time.

(Did you say their name was Stolhann?)

They stayed in Stolhann

(Did you know what that country was like that stayed between where the Fisher Bend and Wagoner? Was it a whole lot like it is now, settled up or what?)

It was---

(Of course, the government's got it all now.)

Oh, yeah, well, it was pretty thinly settled back when I was growing up down there. There was a lot of ranches back up on the prairie there and on ups toward there. If you followed the river, why, you would be about as far east of Wagoner as we were. It was all prairie the biggest part of it. After we got up out of the bottom out there quite a way. And ranches was about all there was between here and Wagoner. Now, you take Mayesville out there, little old place down here, and there was ranches all around that place.

(Well, that brings up something else. You used to have a sign down here warning out west there that said "Neodsha," was there such a place?)

Little place out there?

(Un-hum.)

Yes, it was out there.

(Well, let's see.)

It was out there Missouri Pacific. I think that was---