

Well, you know that old Government Trail went right by there..

(Yeah, the old Military Trail went by.. Well, now, did it go close to you folks in Fisher Bend? .Went west of you?)

Yeah. It went west of us.

(Well, where did it cross the river? Going into Fort Smith?)

Well, I don't know where it crossed, but it went in there. I don't even know where it crossed Flat Rock.

(Hum.)

I don't even know where. But they--they were using that trail through there back there, and that was before my time, that was before I was born. But that old Government trail, military, out there. But I heard them talk back in later years about the government trail going through there.

(There was no other settlement of folks outside of those down around the Fisher) Bend until you got clear to Wagoner, was there?)

Well, now, you take on down the river down the railroad from us. There was a place called Sleeper..

(Hum, now, that's a new place, never heard of that one.)

Was just a school house. They had church there when my dad used to go down there to trade once in awhile. That was on down the river from where we lived, oh, six or seven miles, maybe. I think right along there somewhere there was a ferry went through there, across the river.

(Do you recall what they called that? Would that have been called the Taylor's Ferry? Or did that come afterwards?)

A SCHOOL CALLED SLEEPER

I think the Taylor Ferry come after that. Yeah, and that probably was the last name they gave it. But Mable Fedlock's mother-in-law, Mrs. Butler, told me that she taught school down there at Sleeper, just a school. Was