

BRIDGES--FIRST KNOWN IN OKLAHOMA ABOUT 1906

(When you were speaking of bridges was there ever any covered bridges in eastern Oklahoma?)

Mrs. I don't ever remember one.

(I've seen pictures of them, you know, where--the whole thing was covered with a roof but I have never seen one in Oklahoma.)

Bill. I don't ever remember one.

Mrs. I guess they built those more in the north where they had to keep lots of snow off.

(Must have been)

Static--next sentence not clear.

Mrs. That's right there where I was born, I guess.

(Sentence not clear.)

Mrs.--(not clear)--The old bridge has fell in before they put this new one in out here.

(You know bridges are not too new to Oklahoma--)

Mrs. About 1906 was when--

(You know I've heard my folks talk about times when they never remembered a bridge. Everything was a ferry.)

Mrs. Right out here east of Chouteau where the bridge is at down here on the Verdigris, my folks come here from Missouri in 1900, and they said that of course everybody had to ford the river. And the winter time when the river got up well, you just didn't cross it

(Uh-huh)

Mrs. Unless you went in a boat. I know Dad told about when L. D.'s father died. L. D. (name not clear) up here toward (not clear). Her father died when she was a baby. I remember my mother saying that they had to--he was buried in the little cemetery across the river right there