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Just wheat, corn, wheat, oats. Mostly stock when they could afford it.

They fed out a lot of this stock in this part of the country.

(This was never a cotton country up in here.)

No. No.

(Like some parts of the country.)

No, they tried it down around Gold, but it never did work. I'm thankful for it.

(Some of the Cherokee when they were brought from North Carolina, were they brought to the Arkansas line that at Maysville and turned loose?)

Yeah. Adairs, they kinda--well--Stilwell--way I get it was more of a jumping off place.

(Yeah.)

And then they just come on up this way.

(I see.)

As they immigrated on up this way.

(Well, when the government, when the army brought 'em over here to the Arkansas line, what did they do? Just turn 'em loose or tell where to go or anything?)

Well, they go to, what they call, mustering out places.

(Yeah.)

Stilwell was one of 'em. Fort Smith was one of 'em. And there's lots of 'em that stopped along the road while they was on it. Stay overnight somewhere.

(Yeah.)

(Interruption)

Oh it wasn't much of a town. It was a pretty good little trading point, I guess. Southwest City, I guess, is about as old as Maysville.

(Yeah. Maysville is also an old place though.)