

(That's a beautiful thing. Yeah, these things people used, oh, a hundred years ago. I think are most interesting and practical.)

Oh, they're quite interesting to me.

FAMILY SETTLED IN WHITE OAK COUNTRY LONG BEFORE STATEHOOD

(When did your folks settle in this White Oak country?)

Well, I'd have to figure that up. My father came here when he was sixteen years old. Sit down there.

(Was there a town here then?)

Well, that's what I don't know. Well, I'm sure there were people lived down here.

(Well, yeah. There must have been. Let me see, that was way before 1900, too, though wasn't it?)

Oh yes. See my oldest brother was born in 1895. And my father was only sixteen when he came here. And he didn't marry till he was twenty or past.

(Well, then he came here long time before that then.)

Yes. Long before statehood.

(Yeah. This must have been a wild country then.)

It was.

(It would have been interesting to hear him tell about it.)

Oh, I mean, he could tell them. You know, I'm so sorry I didn't write things like that down.

(Well, I am too. When I was young I should have written those things down, but I didn't.)

And Indian territory days--see I was born in 1903. My dad was still running a store. It was still Indian Territory. I remember he carried his gun there at work. We didn't have a day that some outlaws didn't come through there.

(Well.)

And he just put it on. They would come in and try to take over, you know.

(Well, all the original business district of White Oak was on this one street was it?)