

down there.

(Yeah.)

He was running for governor of the state. He'd come up here.

(Oh yeah.)

Nowadays the governor would send emissaries.

(That's right.)

I knowed Hale. His /sords not clear/ setting in there over at Commerce.

That first building there at Commerce.

(Well.)

That was before that road come in. --all gone and forgotten.

(Where did the old livery barn set?)

You know, where Campbell is down there.

(Yeah.)

That house right there. That wasn't the oldest one. The oldest one used to set...oldest one...Cap Armstrong owned the first livery barn right down this street here. There's one right west of where Paul Homer. That corner building sets in there.

(Yeah.)

That was the oldest livery barn. Old Cap...Old Judge Harvey and Old Jeff Hagee...best I can remember. They come down here from Lawrence, Kansas. And I think they laid out the town. It might have been laid before then. And they had four buildings. Pretty good buildings right on each corner down here. They're all gone.

EARLY DAY LAW MEN AND GOVERNMENT

(Well, in the early days of this town, did they have a city government or lawmen here or...)

Yeah. Mostly we had law as it come into state. Before statehood we was under what they call the Arkansas law.

(I see.)

Old Judge Brown. He attended about all of the business here at that