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have, so you have some money left, but you have that money long time, 'cause you don't need to spend it, she said. They ain't nothing to--they even trade off goods--blankets, maybe shoes. They trade 'em off. That's way they make their money.

(Did the Indians usually trade hide?)

Hides and maybe they want deer meat--and maybe they want deer meat--and they trade 'em deer meat.

(Now is this at some store?)

In Oklahoma City. There was two stores. That Oklahoma City just had two stores, she said. They come from way over there on horseback, went that way horseback. That's what she always say.

(Did she ever tell the names of those stores?)

She never did say anything about them stores.

(Did you ever go with her over there?)

Uh-huh I don't think I was ever has--I don't think I was born that time yet.

(Was it before the country opened up to white people?)

Yeah, it's--she said it was wild place. She said they ain't no--it's not like it is now. That time you can go anywhere.

(Well when you were a little, did you use to go into the store/where did you go?)

That McCloud was there. That's about all I know--Shawnee. That's 'bout all I know.

(Did lots of Indians go to McCloud?)

Uh-huh. That's where they go McCloud, Shawnee.

(Did they go on a horse and wagon?)

They go on a wagon. They don't go on horseback they quit going on horseback.

(Oh they did?)

Uh-huh.