

They use English version of it, you see? Now, you take on the old language to the (Indian word) meant Sunset. Well, now, when I was a boy, they call this Mahalee Creek out here all the time. (Okay.)

And later, they changed to the English version. Called it Sunset Creek, you know.

(Yeah, that--I guess all those little streams around here had certain names back in those days in there.)

Yeah.

TRANSPORTATION & ROAD CONDITIONS

(Heck, you just got around by horseback, about the best way you get around. Do you have any roads back in them days?)

Huh?

(Did they have any roads?)

Oh, no, just--there's savage road. Now, 1904, well, Al Brown down-- that lives down on Big Hominy this side of Skiatook. He was appointed Territory Road Overseer. And he get around, and he'd make these boys work out the pole tanks, you know--they had pole tanks then on the roads. Well, that way we kept bridges on the little creeks, and had to ford the big creeks.

(Yeah.)

And we kept the bridges on little creeks and kept the roads kinda cleaned out a little bit by pole tanks's head. And the other times, why, if I told them to fix that road out there, why, he'd come along and pay for it. First money I ever earned in my life, I worked the roads my place. Al had cleared old Claremore Camp. And Al come along and paid me for it, paid me fifty cents a day for the work I done on that road /laughter/.

(Well, that's pretty good, I guess. You couldn't hardly spend that money very well.)