

Mr. & Mrs. Hy McDow

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And we traveled...got to Chickasha...turned off back and my wife got on the train and come on to Carnegie. You know I was two days from drivin' from Chickasha, two days or better. But, I know I was two days. I stayed all 'night in Verden. No, I was three days. The road, oh, it was rainin'. The road was closed...oh it was awful. And I was headed on it. And I drove ten miles. It took me all day to drive from Chickasha to Verden. Then it took me a day to drive from Verden to Anadarko. And a day from Anadarko to Carnegie. Oh, the roads was bad. Jest old muddy roads and ruts. It was a sight. And I pulled into this town. Put my team and wagons up... bought this place right here. December, wouldn't it? 1923 wouldn't it?

Mrs.: We come here December 23 and we bought this place in February, 24.

Mr.: Bought this place here. And had a little two-room house on it. It was an old Indian lease house...couldn't cuss a cat without gettin' hair in your teeth. But, we lived in that little old house. It was jest right here. My wife's an arnectecter (?) (probably meaning architect.) And we planned and on the inside of that building that wall was steeping up and down, you know. Jest a box-house "seal wall. We took out the ceilin' and made the wall higher, you see. Was a seven foot wall...run out here fix this. And I was workin' for the state, I believe and she said, "Well, we got to have a porch." And so we got that build. And so she cut it off and made her a kitchen. And she built that cabinet back there. She's a carpenter and all of her brothers is mechanics. And all my folks are...what I've got is public speakers and such as that and I ain't got a mechanic idea in my head. I couldn't bore a hole in a board or (unintelligible) But, she figured all this house jest like she wanted it and that's the way we built it. Everytime I made a mistake, she said I was crazy. And if she made one, she didn't know how in the world she done it. But we had a time and got a kick out of it buildin' it. And there was a ball tournament goin' on here and if I had a big barn here in town, horse days was over and I think I run some'in' like a hundred, a little bit than \$10000... nickel a sack. And we shook it out on.