

lumber for our home from Memphis, Texas. It's about 70 miles I think. Something like that. And he was an old man to start with. He was about 63 I think when we moved up there. And he built the house himself then. Three rooms. And hauled all that lumber. And for he got even the roof on it, well people came in there and had church services and sit on the floor, or on the sleepers before the floor was put in. And we lived there until we got the house near enough--we lived in that tent till we got the house near enough fixed that we could be dry in there in case it rains. And then we moved out of the tent, all except the cooking. And my mother she'd go back and forth from the house to the tent to do the cooking. One morning she got up, and of course we was using just wood cook stove, that all we had then, and she went back down there to build a fire and when she stoppped down to get her wood, there was a rattlesnake coiled right in behind the stove. That was the first rattlesnake we seen in about 3 years I guess. And since we been there anywhere's near the house, and there was a lot of them out in the prairie. But I hate to go into all that--it's settling. My daddy he was--he tried to locate the people, he was just anxious to get people up there and before long it was all settled and in 1901 when it came through and then they --the railroad came in there from Weatherford. It stopped at Weatherford and made it on in through that part of the country. Sayee, that was a little early town, there wasn't any railroad through there for years, but until 1901 when it came through and then they established Erick, there had been a post office a mile south of Erick they called Doc, but they moved the post office and started building Erick then Texhola and of course there was a little town known as Shamrock. Beneine was there big place though. They just start a little town over there across the Texas line. Then they had a store and grocery store and school house and several very nice dwellings in little of know time. And Texhola was the same way. And they couldn't decide where they wanted Texola. And they'd move it. They started it I believe on the north side of the railroad. And then they moved it back down south it'd be of the railroad they moved it, and named it I guess 3 times before they got it settled. And it become just a real town. One of these real westerns they try to put on the TV now, but it was pretty nice. We tried to have a church and did build a church before 1904 a Baptist church there in Texola. It was a real nice little