

know where I left off. My daddy finally built him--built us a home in Texola and we lived there a few years and then we went back to the farm.

OPENING FIRST SCHOOLS:

(You said the people started talking about schools?)

Why? Oh, they built this--that's why I stopped off to tell you where our farm was.

It was on the Correction Lines and it was section 3, township 6, and ranch 26 I believe he said. And we had a northeast corner of that section 3. And it's the first school was located 2 miles south of our place, of our home. So there for a couple of years we walked to school, through that ² miles. There was still people living there-- but it was still open prairie. There wasn't very many places fenced in. We'd sometimes see those wild cows or range cows out.

(When did that school open? When was the first year?)

I think it was 1900. It was 1900 or 1901. I know we were out of school about 3 years. The little children, my mother had 5 at the time, and then there was another child born. But my brother and I and my oldest sister we were out of school for the 3 years. And then it was just a one room school and we had to walk that far to get to it. And Texola put in a rural school. Down east and south of where the Texola was finally located. Before there was any Texola. And it ran--the pioneers made enough money to buy the lumber and build there school themselves. But I think the government furnished the teachers for them. They put on box suppers and rodeos, anything they could think of to raise money to build these schools. Texola then, after it was located as a town, why they build a four room school house, and we use that and that's when my daddy build a home and moved to town, so that we could have--could go to school. And then finally they build a big brick school house. Course now it's consolidated with Erick and there's no school there.

VISIT TO TEXOLA:

I went up there last week, no, past month. It was the first Sunday in May. I couldn't go on Memorial Day so I went the Sunday before and went to church. Well, our church was burned down twice, but they build a very nice church back. I been away from there for nearly 17 years now, and there was 18 in church and Sunday school. That shows-- and the you seen pictures and TV stories about these oil boom towns, well after the