

was the way we washed. We moved from that place then to the Roberts place. By then we had a tub and rub board. We didn't have any broom. We went into the pasture and cut grass and made us a broom to sweep our floors; which was pretty hard to do; but we used them as brooms and my daddy helped to - - they call it blase the country from out place to the Cottonwood school house out through there. Daddy ginned cotton all the time. But at Oakdale, there was a gin back up north of us and he ginned his cotton at Oakdale. And then they would - - that's where all of 'em went to gin their cotton. They would get about three bales of cotton and that was about, generally, the crop. They'd take it to El Reno on the wagon and buy groceries. And we didn't have flour bread, we called it, but once a week, and that was on Sunday morning. When we couldn't get flour, we'd get our meal ground; corn made into meal. But that's the only way we had of having our Sunday biscuits once a week. We just had three cows and we had - - - there were many times when we didn't have any bread, but we would have - - mother made cheese out of this milk. And we'd eat it for bread; not many days at a time, but we'd run short and we'd have this cheese. The Indians came in and run 'em off; stole our cows and they were gone for oh, a day or two. They found 'em at Anadarko. And so, they - I think that's about all I can tell you. They went down to Anadarko and found out where they wuz and went and got 'em. Never forget we were all so worried 'cause they took the cows away. And they been looking for 'em. They found 'em way in the night. They came and told us that they'd found the cows and that they'd bring 'em in next day.

(This sort of thing happen every often?)

That's the only time I remember. We lived on the place there, and raised all eighteen children there on that farm. My stepmother still lives there.

(Did anybody else, you know of, have difficulty or anything?)

No, I don't think the Indians give very much trouble. They were more civilized then.