

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This is Ruth Hankowsky, July 18, 1967. And I am south of the Y between Sulphur and Hugo. Going to visit with Mr. Charles E. Vandergriff. Mr. Vandergriff is a 90 year old pioneer settler. He says he came here in 1891 from Texas but originally, he says his folks were from Tennessee. I want to thank Clarence Massingale from Boswell who has a real interest in history and who told me about Mr. Vandergriff and the fact that he would be a real--well he said you'd be a good source of information and that anything you said we could bank on it. He--that is Mr. Massingale said that he thought you were a witness to the killing of Indians that old Mayhew--old Boggy killing, maybe he called it. After we visit awhile, I want you to talk about anything you want to, why we will get around to-- maybe I'll ask you a question about that. Mr. Vandergriff is here at his home place and his son, Edgar Vandergriff and his daughter-in-law, Nora, have a home in Hugo. And I have heard in town about that beautiful Vocational Home Ec Department that Nora has there. And I am looking forward to seeing it. Mr. Vandergriff is telling your father here about a trip he made with his son Edgar. Edgar took him about four years ago back to see the old home place in Tennessee. (Irrevelant words.)

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SON EDGAR TAKES HIM BACK TO TENNESSEE TO THE OLD HOME PLACE

Mr. Vandergriff: --down by the spring, was still running but they was just running down. They wanted to go with us and it was just a little ways up there and Bennie Vandergriff--he was my cousin, and his wife and daughter. That's all the family he had. They said "No, they would stay there and fix lunch and have it ready, and they did, when we got back we eat. And we set around there and talked about an hour and we wanted to get around and see the other place where I was born and raised, you know.