

help 'em, and they gathered those hogs. And they had hog dogs them days to help rally and drive 'em, you know. Well, Sally and a feller named Frasier with her--every time they rally a bunch of hogs here they'd come on their horses. And my brother, he got tired of it and he said, "Don't you all follow me any more. We're not stealing hogs. We are after that Spencer Mark." He says, "If you all follow me anymore, I am going to take this rope and whip you up and down the back with it." And they went on and let 'em along. (Laughter) He was taking no chance. Each side thought they was thieves, you know. Jim Frasier was the Indian feller that was with 'er you know. And they gathered those hogs and sold 'em.

#### LOCATION OF SPENCER ACADEMY

(Where was that old Spencer Academy? Where was it located?)

Oh, over here--it's about two miles north of here--it's about five miles north of here and a mile west. My brother lives there close to Nelson, That's about half mile this side of where he lives there. Sue Oaks filed that. Sue Morris--she filed that and had a home built there. They lived there a while and Mr. Morris--he--they decided to move to Soper and he was Postmaster there as long as he lived. And so, they rented it out and finally sold the place, you know. She raised two boys and they still livin'.

#### A SAD STORY ABOUT THE FIRE AT SPENCER ACADEMY

(Well, I didn't know it burned twice.)

It did. And they built a new house back and it didn't last any time hardly, then it burnt. And they quit. Major Jeter was the Superintendent of the Academy. And he was Mr. Oaks brother-in-law. Mrs. Jeter was an Oaks. And I was sorta tickled. Old Greene McCurtain was Governor at that time and he was drinkin' a little that day and had some men with 'im. And they got Major to auction this stuff off, you know. And they come to the big bell. They had a big bell about as long as this table, you know, and not nearly as broad, and they auctioned off that big bell. And oh, he