

Yes, I guess it did.

(Where was the closest large town? Was Tahlequah the nearest large place?)

Uh-huh.

(There wasn't much there, was it?)

There wasn't much there. Ride horseback to Tahlequah or go in the wagon.

(This is a story that Mrs. Wilhite, Cat Wilhite, has written, and I'm gonna have my wife read it off, what she has written here.

"ALICE TIMMONS": MRS. TIMMONS READS ACCOUNT OF EARLY DAYS

(This concerns the Civil War, and event in the Civil War.)

"Aunt Betsy, old maid, took all the Negro women and children, and went to Arkansas. When the war came up, she died at Fort Scott, Kansas. She was getting up in years. Grandpa went south to Mayhew and Paris, Texas. Grandma and Grandpa, sis and Bet, and Nick and Duck Vann and family and Uncle Sam, George, Jim Williams, was in Stand Watie's army. Their last name was Sanders; they were in Stand Watie's army. George was clerk of the quarter master department. And clerk of the pay master department, of Stand Watie's. Stand Watie sent George to meet General Price, and tell..."

Mrs. Wilhite: I didn't know who G.P. was. Do you remember who you put down here for G.P.?

"...General Price to tell G.P. him, where he could get something to eat. He met him somewhere down about Webber Falls. General Pike, I think, somewhere down about Weber Falls, when he found him. He was about the middle of his army, eating a prairie chicken and cornbread. And he invited him to eat. After the war, Uncle Sam Sanders drove cattle for Thompson up toward Kansas, on the Chisolm Trail, to Fort Dodge, Kansas. Also, George Spears, and George Sanders was foreman when Grandpa, Grandfather Jim Sanders, left here when the war came up. We drove on an ox team, name Ben and Bradie, we got down as far as the Poteau river, we ran into a picket. We were trying to get out of the