

way, but as we got to the other side of the river, there was a slick bank and Ben and Bradie couldn't pull the wagon up this bank. The soldiers helped us up the bank and told us not to get on the main road because the pickets were fighting all along the road. They was fighting - Ben Gary Lane. When we got to the Arkansas River, we had to cross on the ferry boat and we couldn't get Ben and Bradie across, so we took the wagon apart."

(Ben and Bradie were the Oxen?)

The oxen team, (INFORMANT: Ben and Bradie) Ben and Bradie? Took the oxen, no, we took the wagon apart and ferried it across and got an old team of mules, and that was the last I seen of Ben and Bradie. We went over the Kiamichi mountains, into Texas. Aunt Rachel and her husband, Jake, she died.

(What was Rachel's last name?)

(INFORMANT: I believe they was talking about the Negro.)

(Rachel and Jake - they were Negro slaves, weren't they?)

They were Negro, uh-huh. They were buried and she died and he wanted his master to sell him; he didn't want to stay with his master after his wife died. They came with their master from Georgia, and up here she has a note: *Negro's buried Coney cemetery. Annie and Louis and Squire and Simon, and Osage, all come with their master. Uncle Jake was sold as he requested.

(Osage sold too?)

As he requested, and was taken somewhere in Texas...and this other, I can't make out..." (INTERRUPTED)

(The story you just heard was told to Mrs. Wilhite by her father as he - as it happened to him and his family during the Civil War. Mrs. Wilhite's son-in-law is named Jess Christie and he's a descendant of the Christie family, which he was speaking earlier, who raided her Uncle's store here at O-Wauhilla. Her daughter's name is Juanita, and that's who Jess Christie's married to.