

Well, we didn't have anything but 'bout forty eleven dozen kids. My mamma had ten kids of her own and she raised six orphan kids. And my daddy was - well, biggest wages he ever made was \$150.00, and he spent twelve years out there on that homestead trying to make a living and had seven years of drouth in that twelve years. So we had to dig for it.

(Yes. Where was that homestead?)

Near the Lake where Altus is, about two miles and half down from the dam and across the mountain. You know where that fellow that wrote that piece up in the ORBIT 'bout the first pavement in Oklahoma? My daddy made that road.

(He did?)

Him and the neighbors out there on that side of the mountain - Lugert was on one side and this mountain was, I believe it was the Davis Mountain, I don't know real name for it, the state name for it. Mr. Davis owned that mountain. Then we had a homestead back here on King Mountain. See. And these rocks - big washing rains would come and wash it out and you couldn't make a road that'd stay. So, they just got together and my father and one other man was the only men out there that had ever had any dealings with cement, you know. And they figured that was only way to make the road. So they busted them rocks up with a sledge hammer I got an old sledge hammer, out there. And they busted them granite rocks up and that whole mountain out there - and that is sumpin' else Oklahoma got - mountains of granite and what they do? They let 'em get that old sand stone and build sumpin' out of - went last - well foot - they got buildings in Alexandria, Virginia - - When I was up there during the war, Mr. Kelley was staying at the war college and I lived on Cow Town street. Down the street from me was a building, belonged to George Washington one time. It was two or three story building, maybe four story. Any way, it was pretty good - made out of kinda red looking rock and not