

right there at Overholser's lake. The first section line east was our east boundary, and they had a lumber mill--a sawmill--there. And that's where we cut our cottonwood lumber for Darlington buildings, and oak, and such as that--elm. With oxen teams we'd start from Darlington and go as far as east of El Reno--about a mile or two at Banner, and camp there with oxen teams. And break camp and get there the next day at this place, where the sawmill was. They'd load their lumber on and by nightfall they'd get through reloading two or three of these oxen teams and wagons, and they started back, and got as far as Banner. Next day--it took them two days to get back to Darlington--just that little distance. You can make three or four trips now (in a day). They were slow--slow. I've ridden in them.

(When you all went to Darlington to get your rations--did you have rations then--?)

A few of them had wagons. Government-issued wagons. Some of the old folks still had their travois. And most of the women folks rode their ponies with squaw saddles. And of course the boys all rode their ponies. Had the fun of going back and swimming on the way down there and camping. They had good horses in them days--fat. Everything was plentiful.

(When you moved back from east of Ft. Reno, where were you camping--was it near here?)

A place they call Twelve-Mile Point, northwest of Calumet. On the north side of the river. There was quite a nice place to camp. Sometimes they'd stay there a while. When they kill a beef they stay there and dry their meat, you know. Camp and have fun there and Indian dances, some of that going on, and hand games. And then they'd move on back home. And they had in their tipis--of course, they weren't locked--they'd have trunks in there. I know my sister had an elk-teeth dress with about 1800 elk teeth on it. It would be in there and nobody would bother it. Come back and everything would be there yet. There was no stealing going on in them days. White people would go through and they wouldn't bother nothing. There'd be watermelons out there and some Indian corn and there wasn't no