

my father that if he had a place to teach they'd get a conscription school (Sic) subscription, you know what a conscription (sic) school is? Well, that's where everybody that has children--well, they promise to pay in so much money, see. And this teacher had to have enough to live on. So if you wanted to send your child to school, that's the way my father did so that my oldest sister could go to school when she was five years old.

(Who was the teacher?)

That John Little. And later he bought out--first my father sold out the store to two partners. I don't remember their names, he sold out to them. He kept the blacksmith shop. And then they all sold out to them. To John Little. And he moved it, you know when Oklahoma got to be, you know, cut up in sections. I guess he moved it, you know. I guess you would say that it had been surveyed at that time. Anyway, back to the way he got his money out of blacksmith work, he'd get these hogs and he'd butcher them. And by that time in some of the towns had sprung up and somehow I don't know how they made ice but they began to get ice and if it was warmer weather he'd butcher these hogs and they'd just open 'em and take out. And then they'd gather green leaves, you know, branches and they'd make layers, you know they'd put these carcasses of the hogs in there until they got whole wagon load and cover that with this ice and canvas and he'd take it over to Muskogee, and Okmulgee and ^{Tallegah} ~~Tallegah~~ and he'd take them in there because there towns were real crowded then. They were booming. But if he had a bunch of cattle he'd drive 'em over there and sell 'em. I don't know why they didn't take 'em to west