

(That's a rich piece of land up there.)

Yeah, it was then at that time.

(There's lots of mines up in there.)

Yeah, well I saw a piece in the paper yesterday or day before yesterday where they opened up a line right there at Treace, Kansas, that's right on the line. I was up there in 1918 before I went to the army, lot of work up in here from Baxter Springs clear down to Commerce. I worked for a lumber company up here.

(What was your original allotment--)

Where was it? Here in Rogers County.

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92317. I've got a map in there of the whole township. I was looking up something in there the other day. There was a piece of land recorded out here, there was somebody was trying to find the owner of it, and they couldn't find nobody that had ever paid the taxes on it, only a fellow by the name of Murphy. And they didn't even know where that Murphy was. And we lived on the McSpadden place 7 years before we move over on my wife's allotment. And this Murphy land was at the northwest corner of the McSpadden land. And so we--I looked at that map and I found out the woman right up the street here, she allotted it. But she didn't know who owned it not. The coal company was wanting to find out who owned it so they could lease on it. Everybody then wanted to lease. Every foot of it nearly was under what they call the top vein.

(How long have you lived here in Rogers County?)

Well, I've called Rogers County my home ever since I was born, 76 years ago, last December.

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(Well, in addition to the Cherokees, what other Indians are in Rogers County?)

Oh there's a few, I say there a few Delawares, and maybe a few Shawnees. These Hilderbrands up here around the Shawnee Hills, that's in Craig County I believe.