

buyer would come along and buy 'em and usually give her a premium. And they thought she had oodles of money hid around there. Then even dug up the old well. The old well was about 60 feet deep and it was dug well. They even went down in that well and drewed the water all out and took the walling all out of the wall, all the rock wall and from the hard part on out. Took that out. Thought she'd throwed these gold-5-dollar, 10-dollar and 20-dollar pieces down in that rock, you know. They thought she had just hid money all around there. Then even dug up the heath and tore the houses down. And they had holes dug all over the place when I went back to kinda see how the place looked. And they had the houses all tore down and moved 'em over there to that corner. Left the log house off. They just moyed the box house over there. But they dug all around there trying to find gold buried there. I don't know whether you know John Lawrence or not. (Laughter)

(I knew of him. Yeah.)

He is the one I sold it to. He's the one--he married one of the girls that I was raised with, you know. Meg. She's living in Ada now. She's 90 years old. She's 91, I guess, this February 15, this year. She's 91.

EARLY DAY PEOPLE HAD VERY LITTLE CASH - BANKS IN VINITA

(Well, did the people in those early days--did they carry much money around?)

Nooooo. They spent about as fast as they made. They'd always improve and they'd always hire somebody in the neighborhood, you know. Didn't take any interest in their home, you know, and they'd hire people. Bear Timpson was that way. He'd hire--I don't know, maybe have five or six working on the place at one time. Give 'em a dollar a day, or fifty cents a day rather and that was 'bout the general average wage. And pay 'em in meat, lard, flour, or meal or something, whatever they'd want, you know. If they