

( That was before I got the recorder, that you were telling about that and the last shooting. )

Mr. Oaks: Well, I'll tell you where it is. That man was close to Broken Bow, there beyond (Not clear) highway. Remember where you crossed Little River? Have you been through there lately?

( Well, not lately. )

Mr. Oaks: Well, they built a new bridge there lately on Little River. This old Elixir Spring is about, I believe, about two miles after you cross Little River Bridge there, oh, about two miles, there's a road to the right turns off down to it. Do you remember that man's name that lives there?

Mrs. Oaks: No. I don't.

Mr. Oaks: Well, anyway, there's just an old road there, but it's a good road, and it turns off and goes down to it.

Mrs. Oaks: It's kina hard to find.

Mr. Oaks: That's where the old court house and they had a commissary and Council House, and I don't know what all they had. You can see just a little of the old remains of some of the old buildings there that are rotting away.

Mrs. Oaks: Sixty seven years ago, we were living at TupeLo, of course, and my daddy took us, mama and we three children, in a covered wagon and went up there and stayed. I don't remember how long we stayed, but at the Dollar Hide Hotel. And part of the building is part of the house where these people are living in and I remember the name of the spring then and it is right down north east of the house and how terrible the water was and is yet. (laughter)

( But I guess all of that - the tribe's, any houses or anything that they had was gone by that time?)

Mrs. Oaks: Well, no, they were not gone then. They are now, but they were there then.

Mr. Oaks: I expect that we owned that land at that time. That was before we had any allotments. It all belonged to the Choctaw tribe. See, we didn't allot our land until, when was it - 1904 or 5, somewhere along in there?

( I think the roll was made about 1902, wasn't it? So, it was 4 or 5 before the allotments got - )

Mr. Oaks: Oh, I think it was about 1903 before they did any filing down here. All my old allotment papers burned up. Had a fire one time. But anyway, (not clear) was up there.

( That was 1900 then? )