

EARLY DAYS BEFORE RAILROAD

(How long has that Missouri Pacific Railroad been through there?)

It was there when we came, hadn't been very long--mother said that right down there where Tiawah was the grass was higher than a horse's back. She said that ground was rich there, she said that a man could almost hide in the grass, it was so high...We had some Indian friends lived around the mountain, and they said, well in 1898, I think, is when the railroad went through. I know he said he thought they never would get that railroad built. We drew a school off that--that helped--that paid the taxes there, on the school. My sister taught there three years, when I was just a girl, in high school. Later I taught 12 years there. I don't know how--some white man--I don't know how he got killed, but now when you go through Tiawah you can see it isn't a bald mound; it's got young timber on it now, I think. Mr. Coker, that was his allotment, Dave, Dave Coker. And I kinda think that he cut that timber to pasture--he kept cows and horses, to pasture up there, and he didn't want the timber to kill off the grass. Now then, that land's been changed and it is nearly all timber.

COMMUNITY USED SCHOOL HOUSE AND CHURCH HOUSE TOGETHER - ONE BUILDING

(Did you use the school house for the church too?)

Yeah, it was our church, upstairs; in the old schoolhouse they just had two teachers down, and they built the upstairs as a big lodge and church hall. The lodge went there through the week, I think it was lodge--and then on Sunday we had Sunday School. We'd