

Informant: Miss Pixie Mayes, Cherokee
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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(May 8, 1968. We are visiting at the home of Miss Pixie Mayes, 89 year old Cherokee, of Archer Community, Mayes County, Oklahoma. Miss Mayes tells of early day events and experiences in Mayes County, at Salina, and along Grand River. She begins this interview by telling about Markham Ferry.)

(Markham Ferry, he was the first owner of--or McNair?)

Dr. McNair was the first owner. And then--and then he sold out to Markham, and Markham owned title when they discontinued it.

(Which Markham was that?)

Bunk.

(Bunk Markham. What was it like when they were operating the ferry there, and what did it look like?)

CABLE CROSSING IS USED AS WELL AS FERRY BOAT

Well they had a cable across and they bring this boat on that cable. Of course the man that--they just had one man, and he would steer it with what you call it, oar. He had a long pole that poled it that kept it straight. It would move but had to keep it straight. I have crossed it many times. I could show you places where to cross on horseback, swim, you know. They put buggy, wagon, and horses west on that ferry boat, and lots things on that ferry boat. And we used--they'd be the whole town, they'd cross it and every-thing. And we went across one time, I remember very well. We had