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WILL ROGERS IS HOST FOR HOME FOLKS

(Was that Will Rogers regular job then--was he starting to entertain then?)

Yes, he started entertaining--now at this time that I'm telling about. That was Christmas in 1905 I believe it was. It was about 20 miles from Richmond, where the lady--where I was visiting, Mr. Adams, who was a Washington, an attorney there in Washington, and we were out visiting. (Sentence not clear). So Miss Adams and her sister and I went over to Washington. And we went up to Mr. Adams office. Then we went to see Capitol and White House, and all things like that. So we caught the next train back home, 'cause he had to be back at 3 o'clock because he had a show then. So when we got back over there. Then I went to the theatre, and I went to the box office there. I asked if Will Rogers was in his dressing room. She said "I'll find out" and went back to see. She said, "Yes, he'll be out in a minute." Pretty soon here he come, and he saw us and said, "Why didn't you all stay home." He said, I didn't know you was goin' come. So he said, "Have you gotten your tickets?" I said, "No we just got here, we didn't have time. And so he got out tickets and he said that it was close time for the show to begin. So he said, "Now after the show, you all just take your time and wait here, and I'll meet you all out here in front." So he did, and he went to dinner with us. And of course he said, "Now I want you to taste (not