

RAISED SEVERAL CHILDREN NOT HER OWN

--they both work, so I went over and took care of 'em. My family is all grown and married off. I raised three children of my own. My last bunch of children grewed up and got married, and I thought, well, I'll quit this business, so me and her, we stayed there 'til school was out.

(That was at Wauhillau?)

Yeah. Bill and his wife, my grandson and his wife, were teachers at school at Wauhillau. They called it the old Bitting Springs. Old Doc Bitting, well, he was a preacher. We moved to Stilwell, when they left, and stayed there a couple of years. Then we moved to Broken Arrow.

(So you knew Koots Thompson then?)

Yeah, Koots Thompson, Boss Thompson, Bill Thompson, John Thompson, Buddy Thompson. He was the daddy of Miss Wilson, Arch Wilson's wife. Dean and Boss Thompson and all of them. Old man Bill Thompson was a preacher.

(Yeah. What was Tahlequah like in those early days?)

Wasn't much Tahlequah there. When we come in there, old Buck Richey and J. K. Lawrence had a store. And Tom Adair had a store--

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