

me back. He was a councilman in the--down there at Tahlequah, and he had to go and he took me back down there, and put me to school, but I wouldn't stay. And he never said nothin', he brought me back home. But, that was my last visit there. I've been back there one time, since. Seen it, but don't look like it used to. What is it now? It's like a boarding school. We boarded there and went to school. When I started I was just 14 years old when Papa took me down there the first time.

EARLY DAY PEOPLE AND MODE OF TRAVEL

(Was Tahlequah a big town then?)

Yeah, it was pretty good size town then. Had a sister-in-law that died in the seminary down there.

(You remember Will Rogers then, since you grew up in that country...I guess you got to see him a lot.)

Yes, after he became famous I saw him a lot of times. He had another sister there. Her name was Lane, Maude Lane. And then he had another one, her name was May. I forget what her married name was.

(Was travel difficult in those days when you lived up in there?)

Had horse and buggies was all we had, because I'd been married for a long time. I remember the first automobile I seen, was in Ardmore. And that's been about 60 or 70 years ago, I guess. 64 or 65.

(Did they have stagecoaches in those days too?)

No, I can't remember. I know they had--let's see, yes we went to Tahlequah in one, you know--in a stagecoach. 'Cause that's the way we traveled to Tahlequah. I remember that. And that's the way we went, but when we come back, we came back on train, when vacation come.

(That was when the Indian Territory laws governed eastern Oklahoma wasn't it?)

Yes, that was when it was.