

you had to walk the chalk, that old lady seen that you did. But there's quite a few girls--from up in Chelsea and in the neighborhood that went down there the same time I did.

THE GOVERNMENT REPAID THE EARLY SETTLERS THEIR EXPENSES

Now the settlers here, why those people that were able brought themselves, they furnished the money that brought them to this country. And I don't know where they were, Georgia, I think it was...and so my father's people were able to bring themselves here, without the government bringing them. And so, when they drew the old ago--old settlers money here, why my mother and father both drew on that. But they had to send some of 'em out here, because they weren't able to pay their way out here. Well, then after the ones that did pay their way out here, that's where the old age--old settlers payment come from. I, that's the first time I was ever in Claremore. They paid them right here in Claremore. The Cherokee Strip was in 1890 something. Was seven miles from our home to Chelsea. Finally Papa got us a buggy and horse, and we drove to school. And then finally he bought two houses up there, bought one and sold it. Then when we had to go back, he bought another one. And it's right by the Methodist, the old Methodist Church there. Them days is past and gone.

EARLY DAY LIVING CONDITIONS AND HOUSING

We lived 20 miles from Vinita, and he had to go 20 miles to get his groceries, before Chelsea was ever started. And my mother was, she was sick most all the time, oh, she was up some of the time. But he raised an awful lot of orphan children.

(Do you ever remember seeing any sod houses when you were a young girl?)

No, I never did see one.

(Seen lots of log houses though?)

Yesh, I've seen lots of log houses. I don't know whether I ever lived in