

pretty well broke out. All this best land and high prairie, course there's a lot of rocky land. But these rocks, take these old, down north of town here. There's a hollow there that's 150 yards wide. And when we come here you couldn't see a rock nor nothing. We mowed right over it. And, now, why there's big old rock down there. They dirt's washed off. There wasn't a ditch around here or anything then then, just solid ground. There wasn't no ditches.

(Was there any wild turkey in this country when you first--)

No, they wasn't any turkey in this country at all. There is now, there's lots of turkey around on the creek, deer too. They wasn't then. There was turkey on Grand River while we was here. We seen turkeys there, wild turkeys. Course this was just high prairie then. A turkey wouldn't have no business out there then.

(That's right.)

But, not on the creek or nowheres, there wasn't any turkeys.

PARENTS CAME FROM ILLINOIS: GRANDPARENTS 'COME FROM GEORGIA

(Did your mother and father come from Georgia?)

No. Neither one of them. We come from Illinois. My grandmother came from Georgia, and came to Illinois, and that's where they was born and raised, in Illinois. And my older sister, when we came to Missouri, oh, I expect three or four years old, when we came to Missouri, we moved over near Marionville, Missouri, out this side of Springfield a ways. Then we moved down into Day County, and then on to the Territory.

(Where'd you live over on Grand River, when you lived--)

We lived, when we lived across the river, the first year we moved over there. We lived across the river on Kate Garber's place, over in Buzzard's Bend, they called it, bend of the river over there. We was over there one year. And then we moved over on this side. And farmed Andy Tyner's' place one