

year. We stayed there and then we moved on out here.

VINITA AND OTHER SMALL TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES IN EARLY DAYS

(What was your nearest town over there?)

Well, we came to Vinita, there wasn't any town over there. We was pretty close, not too far from Southwest City, you know, Missouri. Lot of 'em old boys over there, they'd go to Southwest to get their whiskey, you know. It was, oh, I expect 25 or 30 miles over there. They'd always go over there to get their whiskey. I've heard them talk about going over there. Ed Bonn, lived over there in Vinita, he lived over there then. He's told me about goin' over there and gettin' whiskey. One time he told me this Tyner, we lived on his place. He was a German, married about a half-breed Indian, great big fat girl. And they liked whiskey pretty well, awful well. And Ed Bonn, one time told me--that road went right through old Andy Tyner's lot, goin' from their place over there on the river to Southwest. One day, he went, went through Andy's lot there, and, on to Southwest. They'd always come back after night, kinda protection, you know. So he waited 'til late to come back from start from Southwest City to get across into the Indian Territory. He said when he came through that lot about 12:00 o'clock at night, when he got to Andy Tyner's, and old Duce, they call her Duce, was right there at the gate, get that whiskey. She knew what he'd went for, you know. Said, he sure had to give old Duce a lot of whiskey. (Laughter) That was shore funny.

(There used to be a settlement they called Estella down here, is it still in existence?)

Well, no, Estella, there isn't much there, it wasn't ever any town, to amount to anything. There's Ruby off down here and Estella, but there never was anything there, and isn't yet. Ruby's, everything's gone, all of it moved up here.