

(And let's see, down in there's White Oak, is that an old place too.)

Well, White Oak, yeah, when that road was built, they started White Oak. Long about that time, it's been quite a while ago. See, Vinita was the end of the road there for awhile, turn table went back to Pierce City, over to Monett. Monett was a division and they run from Monett over here to Vinita. That's as far as the railroad run. And then later they built it on to Tulsa. The train had a turn table, turn the engine, go back the other way. That was several years after we come here. And Vinita there wasn't nothin' in Vinita. On this side of the track, all that--little store and little mill and a few things on the east side of the track when we come here. Wasn't nothin' when we first came to Vinita.

NEIGHBORS AND OTHER PEOPLE IN YEAR 1891

(You say that this fellow Hargrove that named Centralia--)

Yeah, he done it. There's Centralia Illinois, Centralia, Missouri. He came from Missouri down here. They come here in the fall, they come here and the man put up hay that summer. And then they moved down that fall, Hargrove did.

(And what year was that?)

That was 1891, just year before--they moved here in the fall, and we moved spring. And Studebaker's lived over there on the hill, they come here couple years before us, 'bout two miles west here, mile and half west--they come up. But Hargrove moved here--just that much difference between us and Hargrove.

(Well, this was rich farming land up in here, wasn't it?)

Oh, it was right good farming land. 'Course it was lot dryer then than it is now. We had dry summers. Long as, 'til Oklahoma settled up, we had hot winds. In 1901, we didn't have any crop at all. The crop was doin' good, just ready to just tassel, the corn was as a rule. And then hot winds blowed