

Side A
Part 2

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(June 14, 1968. Today I'm visiting with Amos Bean, an eighty-six year old farmer of Creek Indian ancestry and now living in Wagoner, Oklahoma. He has spent all of his life in Indian Territory and recalls many of events of early day Eastern Oklahoma. He begins this interview by telling of early day Wagoner, Muskogee, and other communities as he remembers them.)

SELLING AND METHOD OF BAILING HAY

Well, Elam had an elevator right across from, right there on the side of the railroad.

(Is that on the Katy or Iron Mountain?)

Iron Mountain. And them days, an old man by the name of James run a grocery store right over there in that building where that grocery store is there. And so, he was an old settler here. And then there was an old man by the name of Stockton, had an old grocery store up on the north end of Main street, and he had pair of big scales there, and all these people who had handled hay around here, why, most of them went up there, unless they come from this way with their hay and then they would stop here at the grain elevator and weigh. But any on that side of the Katy Railroad, they'd go up to Stockton's, up there, and weigh their hay up there. And then Gilbert had a big elevator right down here on the north end, this creek here that goes down there.

And then, they were putting up. . . .

(Well, putting up hay was a lot different in those days than it is now, isn't it?)