(Looked like a big broad axe?)

No, there was a broad axe. . .these trowels, they wasn't over about that wide, and most of them was about that length. Well, they had a hole in them, you'd stick a stick down in that and you'd take what they called a wooden maul and hammer that thing and get it started through the block. . .

(Kind a wedge-looking thing?)

Yeah, they'd wedge that too, and after they got it started they'd work that back and forward. And they'd split up boards that long and they wouldn't be over that length, that's what they call clapboard.

(And that's what they called the clapboard shingle?)

Yes. I can take you back east there and I can show you an old house that when my uncle moved there, when he came back there and married, he built him a little one room log cabin. Well, him and his wife lived there until they died. They both died right there. And the girls growed and they had timber right there at the place that they homesteaded. So they made a living there on that little old place. But you talk about this country through here. The people from the east came in here and made the clapboards, cause these Indians they didn't know that and them people had to come from the east that knowed how to do that. And these Indians they learned them a lot of things.

(That's right, it worked both way.)

You take people that wanted to be sociable why these Indians would show them what they knowed and they'd show them what they knowed and they got along.

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They either quartered them or they'd take and cut logs, and they'd take them logs and they'd put stringers on them and they'd cross lay that. And they'd build their own bridges. And so that's the way that they crossed these rivers and these big creeks. They build their own transportation, but I mean you