

take and build one of them bridges. Well, they didn't take them with them. When they go across, that was as far as they needed.

(Floating bridge was what it was.)

Ummm. And so they'd build that and fasten it to each bank and so when they got across they wouldn't have any more use for that, so they'd let somebody else. . . so when the first bridges was built in Colorado across that Arkansas River, it was just an old log bridge.

EARLY DAY GRIST MILLS AND FLOUR MILLS - MAKING GRATED BREAD

(In early days, where were the grist mills around the country and flour mills?)

Well, that old grist mill. There was an old grist mill that was water-run in this, just south of Mountainbird, Arkansas. They's part of them old wheels still sitting there in the creek. And so then, in every neighborhood, why, there was one of those old grist mills. And it was---

(On the Vergris too?)

On the Vergris, too. They used to be right out here between here and Coweta, there was a little grist mill out there they ground for the public. In the early days you could take corn there, and they'd toll that corn or wheat or oats or whatever you took there. Why, they'd grind that in whatever you wanted it made into. They'd grind that for one-eighth. They'd take the toll whether it was corn or wheat or oats or whatever you took there, why they'd grind that and charge you one-eighth of what you took there to grind it. Well, they, then little later these elevator companies come in. They took it up with the state to make the state take them mills out of the country because these elevators they could grind that wheat and make a per cent out of it. And so, they stopped these little accomodation mills. Which it ruined every-