

Gee, we had everything. We had wild turkeys, squirrels, rabbits, wolves. I never seen the buffalo. And I never seen the deer. But my baby brother he said he saw the deer, but I never seen the deer alive. And I was a grown man, and the deer I saw was in my new marriage, married in '59, and we went to Gene Autrey to a chase, and comin' back, I saw these things out in the pasture, and I said look there at the goats--and drivin' along I seen they wasn't goats-- I stopped my car, and I looked and I said--I see deer, and that's the first time I've seen a deer in my life--I was a grown man. Never have seen a live deer-- (Were there wild turkeys-- here that you remember?)

Yeah, I remember wild turkeys--my daddy'd go out and kill 'em and bring 'em in. They'd be hangin' down, he'd be draggin' 'em, and they were wild turkeys. (Were there prairie chicken?)

Prairie chickens and foxes, just a little of everything-- (Were there any bears here at that time?)

I don't remember any bears. No the coon, them coons used to grow almost as big as hogs back in them times, cause he said he shot one off of the fence, had a little patch of roastin' ears out there, and my half-brother, Reynolds Stewart, the youngest one, he was the youngest one, cause my mother had three children before us, Dennis Stewart, Reynolds Stewart, and Rosannas Stewart, and he raised them kids.

(Joe Dean was your mother's second husband then?)

Yeah, now let me see, no old man Pompey Davis had a child by her, Daily Davis was his name. Her first child, Old Man Pompey Davis--(unin.) And then Stewart-- (Your dad then was her third husband?)

Third husband--so he was tellin' about how Uncle Joe, he called him Uncle step dad shot those big coons off the fence, they was as big as a hog. But I didn't know nothin' about that.

EARLY TRADING STORES:

(What was--was there a Wewoka when you were that age? Was there a town and trading post or anything?)