

(What's his name?)

Named him Joe, after his grandfather, name of Joe.

(Does he live in Wewoka?)

No, he lives in Detroit, Michigan.

(He's a long ways from home--)

Yeah, he's writin' and callin' menow to come there and visit him. See he was married, oh, I guess 20 or 30 years to a woman, raised a family 8, five boys and 3 girls. Stayed with her 'til they all got growned, baby girl I guess about 16. They finally separated they was livin' in Mexico then, Albuquerque where he lived. Next time I heard from him he was in Detroit, Michigan. So he married last November the 4th and brought his wife down to see us. Came down here and spent a night with us, went on up to Shawnee and spent a night with his oldest boy. Then he went back to Missouri, stayed awhile with his mother--his mother lived in Missouri and then went on back home. And now he's calling me, wantin' me to come up there and visit him. I told him I can't get off right now, whenever I can I'll come up there. That's the only child I got--Cheta's got one girl too. She's still livin' but she lives in Wewoka here, she lives right over the hill here Ocheese on, no on Hitchite Street.

(Well, in 1917, were you in World War I?)

No, they exempted me.

(You were married at that time?)

I was married at that time, and then besides I was a good worker, so they say, did mighty good work. I'm not lazy yet, but I just now can't stand it.

(What work were you doing then, Mr. Dean?)

I was a farmer, farming.

(Now, where is your allotment located?)

My allotment's located four miles south and two miles west of Wewoka.

(Do you still own it?)

No, I lost that during guardianship days, they had guardians--mortgaged it to some cause they gonna send me off to school. I never did get to go anyway. Started to send me to Boley. I said, no, I didn't want to go to Bowley. I didn't want to go to Boley, I wanted to go someplace else outside of Boley. Didn't know where Boley was, didn't