

kid my father had quite a few cattle and lots of horses. Might near raised in the saddle. 'Course was I got married and got away from there, didn't ride too much.

Mr. Thompson: Well, back in the olden days, about all the transportation we had was horses - go horseback and buggies. My mother drove a buggy.

(Was your home place over close to Spencer Academy?)

Oh, it was about two miles and half right due south of the old home place, where I was born and raised.

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(Is there anything there or do you know that marks that old academy?)

No. Oh, I think - see it burned down twice, I believe. An uncle of mine was the superintendent of it, man named Keeler - married my father's sister. It burned down in, let's see, in 1896, I believe. And they built it back then and it burned again. 'Course there is some old excavations there where they had the boiler - heating system. Partially in the ground, not very deep. But there is some sign of it over there. Hickman and Morris over there at Soper where you went to see - that was their allotment. 'Course they sold it number of year's ago. I don't know who owns it now. But that's about all that you can see of it. It wouldn't be very interesting to go see it. Somebody that know more about it might care more about it. I haven't been over there myself in I don't know when. Don't know the last time I was over there.

(Did you go to any Indian schools?)

I went over here at Durant Presbyterian College in Durant. I went there in 1903. When I was - let's see - twelve or thirteen years old. I went there with the exception of one year - I went to the Soper School over there. The other years I went to the old Durant Presbyterian College - with old Dr. Haskins - if you read any of the old Indian history books you heard of Haskins. But it was a - it was a - maintained through the