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Informant: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oaks, Choctaw
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(July 19, 1967. I am visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oaks, Hugo, Oklahoma. I am Ruth Hankowsky, and my father, Webb Thompson, is with me. Mr. Oaks was asking my father where his home place is.)

RANCH LIFE - MR. OAKS AND MR. THOMPSON

Mr. Thompson: West of Ardmore, Oklahoma about 18 miles. Live out on the farm on my allotted land - had a little ranch out there. I guess old age and arthritis got me here, so, had to sell and move over to town. So, I just got four ponies now and I feel like my horses. ((laughter)) I can ride sometimes.

I could ride I guess, if I could ever get up on one. But I would have to get out to an old stile block, you know like they used to have out to the old home place?

Mr. Thompson: I still got my old ponies - they got to be pretty stout.

I just can't go and saddle up and just go draggin' up there to get on.

Sometimes one of those ranchers around there, Orville Palmer, had a horse - she is half shetland - so, she is low and squatty. I imagine she would weight about 1150 - she is stout you know. This filly I got now she is a four year old and out of a registered quarter horse and she is not much taller than her mamma. They say "Here comes an old Indian on his Shetland pony." ((laughter))

I haven't been on a horse, oh, in 30 years I guess. I used to ride a lot when I was younger. Our old home place is over there at northeast of Soper about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles where I was born and raised. 'Course when I was a