

ago when there wasn't no railroads there. Kinda like that place out yonder, just one old store down here. Didn't have no post office. Post office was down in Pensecola.

(Yeah.)

Out here in the country. And that was the Pensecola, to the neighborhood...

I mean all around. Well, the stagecoaches went out of Pryor to Siloam, Arkansas, I think, then back over yonder, maybe Claremore or something. Then we had a mail hack. We called it a mail hack. Delivered the mail up here to Pensecola and some other places. We hadn't got a post office in Big cabin yet. As far as I remember. They made it the center of the community, you know, so they could go to it. People had to go from here to Pensecola. That's some 10 or 12 miles, I guess, to the post office.

I only went once a week though. Never got a much. Get one old Vinita paper, and that was the old--I can't recall the name of the paper. This wasn't a state. See, they didn't make a state out of it until 1907.

Lots of people don't know that, you know.

(That's right.)

Don't know a damn thing about it.

#### MORE ABOUT BIG CABIN AREA

(But Big Cabin though it really grew up after statehood, didn't it?)

Yeah, it grew up and it was a lot more prosperous then than it is now.

See, we're just sitting here now, buildings rebuilt, they put up stuff in here. Hay, grain, and cattle carried on pretty good.

(Used to have all kinds of businesses up and down main street there at one time, didn't they?)

Had what?

(All kinds of businesses along main street.)

Oh, yeah. We had a hardware store, drugstore, two drugstores, two or three grocery stores, scales and offices.