

Chouteau built one. I can tell you the whole story but it's too long. Strong wanted a bridge and Ketchum wanted a bridge. Salina wanted a bridge and Barnes wanted a bridge and we wanted a bridge. That's the way I remember it. We all wanted bridges, and the county commissioner up at Ketchum you might know him--well, got all the petitions they could.

(They call that the Grand River Authority.)

Yes, and we got it through legislation right fast. And created a fund and went to accumulating money. Well, Lon said he didn't want to be "boyish". Didn't want to build the first bridge right in his door. He says, "I'll tell you what we'll do (words not clear)--down the river, the bridge is about a mile.

(Yeah, that's the one they call Markham Ferry.)

Yeah, Markham Ferry.

(Was that right in there near what we call Low Water Dam?)

No, that's up the river from the low water dam, about oh, let's say half mile, maybe three quarters. Down the river from this bridge is about--oh, about half way--sure needed it. River would be up you know, logs running, and ferry lifting logs--

(Log jams I guess?)

Yeah, and when that ferryman says, just go on across, that's what he does. You have to move. He drive you on across. He would try to protect you. Big log coming, he try to protect the boat if it's a big enough log. But he's always lucky, he never did have a wreck. I crossed there when just about that creek you be across. But if that river was high the faster you go.

SALT WELLS IN THE AREA

(I believe you told me there was a salt well on your old place back here?)

Yeah, back down here. You haven't seen it have you?