

cents worth, you know, for one load. (Laughter) And then after that, I'd take my wagon and I'd go down on the yards, you know, them coal cars down in there was the Division and get chunks of coal. And a lot of people burned coal. I figured that out. I could make my show stakes that way and other things. And so, I go down there and load that with coal, and I'd bring it-- I got me some customers. I had my mother to write the names down so I could remember all of them, you know. And they give me two bits a load for that coal. And you know, I buried my sister, the one next to me. I think had \$300.00 saved up.

(I'll be darned. Quarter and fifty cents at a time?)

PEOPLE WERE ROUGH DURING THE EARLY RAILROAD DAYS AT WATTS

(What was the need for that terminal there? What did they do there at Watts to have--?)

Well, it was a Division. You know they had a turntable there. They could turn those engines around and head 'em back south.

(What brought 'em in there though? What kind of freight did they take out?)

Well, they just switched cars there. They switched those cars there on different tracks, you know. And they finally went on a strike here and that was the last of it. They had--

(That was the Frisco?)

No. That was the Kansas City Southern--this line out here.

(Watts was pretty good size little town for a while wasn't it?)

Oh, it was a big town. And it was boomin' town. And tough--Boy, I'm tellin' you I've seen fights there on Main street--there's one right after another. All kinds of people just fightin'.

(Lot of heavy drinkin'?)

Lot of heavy drinkin'. They drink that old gin, Jake--I just tell you-- just any kind of drink you can imagine they--

(Alcohol? Use Alcohol?)