

built it. Now this rock building, why it was here when we came in 1894 and Manford DeRozier's uncle, I don't know whether his name was Dee Jones or Lee Jones, built that building, but he was kin to that DeRozier. (Well, at one time then, all of Main Street was pretty well built up with business places, wasn't it?)

It was and it was just a good town when we came here because you see, there wasn't a Strang - I remember when Strang was built up. When they first came into town. And we had got all the trade from Spavinaw and from Bushyhead, Coyle. And it was just a good little town and we had a paper called the Adair Citizen and a man named Calver, I believe, started that paper, later on Mr. Harshmeyer owned it, Jim's father. After Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stanley was practicing law why they sold the farm and moved to Adair.

(The Trout family had their allotment probably over there?)

Yes, and down on Cabin Creek. There's a family of Couches, now, too, now she was an aunt of Jim Couch, you know, and they have their land back in there.

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(not clear) here on the prairie. You don't see too many of them anymore. However, they was a long time here they closed season on them to kinda give them a chance to start over again. Get a new start. Ther still lots deer over in the hills (static on tape) There was some people came here from Colorado visiting, they went over there and hunted turkey and deer.

(Now that would be interesting.)

People's stock all run out. The hogs run out, the cows ran out, chickens run out. 'Course a lot of 'em never did come home. We had the open range.