

was buying lots of wood at that time it was owned by Mason Beam from Kansas City, and Lamb Bros. and Frank Sloan was the operator for Lamb's. Also, during that time they loaded (not clear) here for the Kansas City Southern for about three years. And that made us a payroll back there in the very worst year of history for money. There was about three thousand dollars a month. I'd like to have all I wanted. They brought it to the cars by teams. That was the peak of the business here then. Before it was farming country here then that was all that was here.

(Has this country ever enjoyed any lumber industry in it's time?)

No. One time we had a sawmill. (static) We had a newspaper lasted about a week. (laughter) No. It run about a year I guess.

(What was the name of your newspaper?)

The Rube.

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Now you might put all this together and make a pretty good story out of it, I don't know. (not clear) everything. (woman talking in background not clear)
(Chicken and cow hides and ties.)

All kinds of produce.

(The Indians in those early days. How did they make a living?)

Woman: Ties and --

(Ties and farming too?)

Woman: I don't know whether they farmed or not, but they made ties. Oh long as far back as far as I can remember they made ties. Always some way to live. Get on welfare or sumpin. Oh they lived a long time ago, I don't know how, but they managed. They lived.

(You've been undertaker and coffin maker and ---)

I've buried lots of people and some of the other boys helped me in early days.