

What all the full-blood had was black-eyed peas and corn bread and coffee. Now that's what he was living on. I eat dinner and tied them mules together and struck out again. Went over there. I hooked around up there with that man that day. The rest of that day, out on his farm. Went into Siloam and stayed all night again in there with him. And he showed me around the town. And I said, "Well, Bill." Along about nine-thirty. I said, "Bill, I've got to go home." "Oh", he said, "Stay another night." "No, I said, "I'm going home." And, he said, "When will you get in?" I said, "well nothing don't happen, I'll be home by four o'clock." "Oh, he said, "You can't make it." I said, "Why I can." And I looked at my watch. And I said, "Well, I'll let you know Bill when I get home. He said, "Drop me a card. Be sure and let me know." Four o'clock I pulled my saddle off my horse at the house.

(Not clear) come down there and cross the river.

(Yeah)

Lived down there on the river, the Illinois River. And here I was come down from Sawmill Hollow and right on down. Right on down. Right on down. Stopped at Pumpkin Hollow and eat my dinner out on Tyner's Creek up there. Eat my dinner, fed my horse and come right on in. It was four o'clock when I got there. Pumpkin Hollow, we call it. When I was growing up my father and mother used to call it Sawmill Hollow.

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Now it's called Mining Camp Hollow. And we used to go up there and some old prospector went into there. And I think his name was Whittington, Jake Whittington. And he went to Joplin and worked in mines. And he brought some samples back with him. One was a big rock. And went up there where this old sawmill was, and got to digging around there. They used to say there's a lot of money buried up there. So he put this here rock in there, and told them he dug it up, up there in that hollow. So he sold out his claims to some fellows. And they went to