

Ben: Yeah every Saturday.

(Cut lumber.)

Ben: They grind the feed on Saturday.

(Yeah.)

Ben: Take it to town and get their meal. Grind corn. Yeah it's been there a long time.

MORE ABOUT LOCATION OF COURTHOUSE AND TRADING CENTERS

(The old courthouse that was up in this part of the country someplace--where was that located?)

Ben: Well it used to be I think, around that Zena Prairie. They had a courthouse there.

(Yeah.)

Ben: They had a court--that's too far back for me. I don't know. Seemed like mother and father talked about it.

(Yeah.)

Ben: I remember seeing the buildings. When we drove to Southwest City from here.

(And that's the courthouse that took care of all their business and court trials in this whole area here, including the Senecas too.)

Ben: Then they used to have one what they call Saline Courthouse. Down close to Saline Creek way down there. I was down by there when I was a kid. Dad used to drive down in there and all around.

(Yeah. Was there ever a railroad through this part of the country?)

Ben: No further than Grove.

(Grove was the closest railroad point.)

Ben: On this side of the river.

(Yeah. Well in those early days where was your nearest trading town?)

Well, Southwest City, I guess.