

when he died, then he--I think that's when--that's when, I don't know right then, but I think my sister said she don't know either. I think that's when my father worked on that railroad because I was born and was that high when that railroad come through. That's when my mother was regular. That's when that railroad was going. That's when he worked on it, maybe three or four months.

(This dug-out, that you all lived in, was that before your mother died?)

Yeah, that's what--she died in there, and it was nice and dad fixed it so nice in there. It was just all comfortable.

(Did all the Iowas live in different places?)

Places, uh, huh, well not bad--see, we were just newcomers from up north, I guess, I don't know--that part I don't know, but we were just--I just know that I was just a little girl and was in there. But everybody--that's when our people were just coming and moving around, here and there all over, even the Otoes, Tonkawas, and Osages. All the Indians just scattered around you know, where the white people just chase them off or run them off, or do something you know. But they have to run further south, then finally they got in Oklahoma. That's all I know, just that about the Indians. And so my father, when my mother died, well his home broke up. Well before then I think my grandma died sometime along in there quick, but some way--some how--I even forget when grandma died. Somewhere in my mind must not been--

(Is that your mother's mother?)

Yeah, my mother's mother. But my grandpa he was living, but he went to Perkins to live with somebody else when my grandma died. He went some place else to live. I remember that too.

(You were--mentioned this Old Village--what was that?)

That Old Village, that's what they call a town. I don't know what they call