

And the post office was in the store.

(Well then you've seen this store grow up to its' present size.)

What it is now.

CHEROKEE NATION COURT HOUSE DISTRICT

(And where was the Cherokee Nation courthouse for this district?)

At Tahlequah.

(At Tahlequah. That was in the capitol up there. Well now didn't they have a little courthouse for the Illinois District too, somewhere down in here?)

Not that I remember of. Now they might have had.

(I heard that there was one up on the Illinois River east of Braggs. But I haven't found out anymore about it. Who were some of the other business that came in after him?)

The Hayes's. Jeff Hayes had a store over here.

(Uh-huh.)

A while you don't think of anything that away. It just slips your mind. And you just can't hardly. Get up in years like I am. You can't hardly remember nothing back.

(Yeah. And this was on Iron Mountain Railroad. That went through here.)

Uh-huh.

FARMING AND CATTLE - HUNTING - MUCH GAME

(Well how did the people make their living in those early days around here.)

They farmed you know.

(Just farmed.)

That's all they had to do was farm.

(Yeah. And of course they had the Illinois River close by.)

And of course they had cattle.

(Yeah. And I guess, they done lots of fishing in the Illinois River.)