

(Clap board)

They cut their blocks, about two feet long from Red Oak tree. (words nto clear) two or three blocks. And they use what they call a froe, a kind of a mallet. And you take that block and they split it in hunks so big.

(Yeah)

They set that mallet on, had a handle on it. And brace it. Set it down on that, like that. Hit that one like that then. Then they commence to pry that out.

(Uh-huh)

Made all the boards to cover their house like that.

(Hum)

Get a broad ax, split ties.

(Yeah. You've seen a lot then haven't you?)

Yeah.

(You sure have.)

Everybody around here got to be a farmer.

#### LEAD AND ZINC MINES IN EARLY DAYS

(Yeah. Lead and zinc up in this part here, the Indian nation?)

Well, I don't know. They was already mined years back. I remember when I was young used to be quite a town a lot of people worked in the mine.

(Yeah)

I don't know when they opened up. They already opened when we come here.

(Well have they closed down now?)

No, there's a few mines going.

(Yeah)

I was down (words not clear) this morning.

(This country up through here was all settled up by Quapaws and Miami Indians, is that right? Along the, what river is here?)