

INTRODUCTION

(January 29, 1969, today I'm visiting with Ora Layton, a 74 year old of Cherokee ancestry.) Living in the Mruphy community in southern Mayes county, Oklahoma. Mr. Layton tells of early days in Murphy community before there was a town there, and also tells many things about this community.

...did you have any idea?)

Well, way back about, let's figure out there pretty well, about 1910.

MURPHY COMMUNITY

(About 1910.)

Regular post office we had, they called it Murphey. Just across from here, where Jerry King lives right on the corner there. Stampers ran the post office.

(Stampers)

Elmer Stampers.

(Did they have the railroad through here then?)

No. The railroad come through in 1912.

(1912. That was K.O. & G., wasn't it?)

K.O. & G. at the time. It really started as M.O. & G., but they changed it to K.O. & G.

(Yeah. Originally the M.O. & G.)

Yeah, originally M.O. & G. My dad helped building up here. (Inaudible)

I know we lived right down here on the creek in 1911 and 1912. When we left here and went to Strang. I lived as far as Strang going this direction. I used to go up here when they were just beginning to lay the steel. Them engineers and foreman, they kinda took a liking to me and I was used to riding with them when they was laying that steel a yard at a time. I go up there and ride with them, oh, for an hour or so at a time. It was quite interesting for me. It was about the first time I was inside a locomotive, you know.