

Washington. I been there and threatened to pick some up but I never did. Last time I was up there, I asked the president and Commissioner Bennett to get me some of them old stories. He told me he would, but he never did.

(Well, do you remember when Abel--)

When it was? Abel could tell you much nearer than I could but it's before the country opened. See, they closed the Indian court in 1898, I think, somewhere along in there after the country opened. They got civil laws.

(About how old was Abel when this took place?)

He must have been about 12.

(Are you older than Abel?)

No, about the same age.

MORE DESCRIPTION OF OLD ANADARKO

(I've got a couple of more questions, This suspension bridge, was it just a foot bridge or could you drive across it?)

No, it was just--you don't drive across it--it was just a foot bridge. But it's wide so they don't fall off. It used to have a wagon bridge but it goes when the first time--the Washita in them days gets pretty high--carries everything with it. The Washita River used to run a mile or two wide when it overflows as late as 1901.

(What was this wagon bridge like?)

Well, they didn't have no wagon bridge. Only place to cross was further up west, where it was a little shallow and that's where the wagons crossed. The army and the people crossed there. You have to go in the water, in the river--no bridge. But the only way they come on foot is the suspension bridge for the foot