

R: I was a child growing up, of course, you saw wooden boxes, then. You very seldom see a nice wooden box, now, but I can remember seeing that my father would have a wooden box and it'd have Yular, Florida on it, you know. Evidently it came down by steamboat. And another one that was very prominent in that time was Wanee. And then they came in there and then, of course, Branford. ^{P:} Is that, that's not a ghost-town, Wanee.

R: It was at one time, but they have gone down there and are re-building it. I understand there's some nice homes down there. I don't know. I haven't been down there right lately. But at one time it was, you know, everything was practically gone. There was a big sawmill there at one time.

P: Okay. That's what I was going to ask you.

R: At one time it was practically a ghost town, I think, but I understand that they are subdividing it now, and I hear they're building some nice homes down there.

P: You all ever go on a boat much in the river?

R: No.

P: So it wasn't a commonly used way to travel.

R: No.

P: How about crossing the river to go visit neighbors or....

R: No, but there used to be, at McCrab Ferry which is right down from Heart Springs. Do you know where that is, McCrab Ferry?

P: I know where Heart Springs is. I don't know where McCrab Ferry is.

R: Well, it's right there at Heart Springs, just, oh, maybe a half a mile. I'm not very good judging distances, but it's right there at Heart Springs. They used to have a plant there and I would, had gone with my father. The grist mill was on the other side of the river, and Mr. White operated the grist mill and they also operated the ferry and you go there, and could call them, and they would come across and get you and go on the other side and get your grits and meal ground and they'd bring you back from the other side with the wagon and buggy. I guess buggy, seems like we were in, on the slats. Then they had oars that they pulled it across with. It was a on a, was guided by a wire and it'd take you across.

P: That is something. So the river wasn't really all that important in your every day life.