

time I went over with Allen Heath to show him where they was at, there was hog pens over there. It just made me sick. I told Allen, "If there hadn't of been for these old people that were buried there, there would have been no Lando. Because they were the first people who moved in and had that little old dinky mill running there."



Old Cemetery

My mother had 10 children. They married and moved away to different jobs. I was the last one in the family to marry and I stayed at home.

I know you've heard of the year of the earthquake 1886. Well, my brother Jim, he was born the 31st of August the day of the earthquake. Mama said it rattled and broke some of the dishes in the cupboard or safe as some of the people called it. They tease my brother Jim about that. He was always cold and would shiver and shake. And they'd say he shook like that cause the earthquake happened on the day he was born.

I was rocked in a cradle and my boys was rocked in a cradle. We used cradles, not cribs. Then the mother usually made the baby's clothes. Now I had some sister-in-laws that made me up some clothes for my first baby. One made me up four or five little gowns and little dresses and I embroidered it just like everything. Why, I had the daintest little things made for my babies before they got here and both of them boys.

Mama didn't allow me to run around like the young people do now – here and yonder and everywhere. But before my feet would hit the floorboard of a car, I had an automobile. But I'd just ride around here and take my Daddy anywhere and everywhere he wanted to go. I'd have to slide up on the seat to push the brake pedal down. But they always wanted to know who I was with. I weren't allowed to get out and go to parties without my Mama and them knowed who the people were. When I was doing my courting and all, the boys came to the house to see the girls. They'd have regular date nights but the boy'd come to see you on a Wednesday night and Saturday night and on Sunday evenings. Probably, you'd go for a little short ride.

Our church group used to put on a little play if they wanted to raise money for anything. I remember one time Marion Garrison needed some money for the missionary society. Well all the girls she taught us a whole routine. And it was real cute and we raised oh I don't know how much money. But somebody played the piano don't you see through that whole little old musical thing. All in all, the kids raised in and around Lando had a pretty good time not to have no bigger place than what they did.

There was fine people in Lando. I've heard my Mama and them talk about Mr. Robinson used to own and operate the store down there and they were rich people. And Mama said

if the daughter in the family wore a dress and somebody else got one like it she didn't wear it no more – she got another one. They was that kind of people, kinda upper crust.

Then, the Heaths they bought from Barber and they lived for years there next to Mama and them. There was 4 bachelors of them and they had a colored man that would butler for them and did their cooking and everything. There was Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Ward and Mr. Harry and Mr. Ben. But that was long, long before my time. You know where that old house where you go down to the mill that sits up high on the bank. Well, thats where the Heaths lived until they all married and went to different places. Mr. Bascom Heath he lived in Charlotte and Mr. Ward and Mr. Harry I think did too.

Back when they built the upper part of the mill was when they started weaving. That was, I'd say, about 60 or 70 years ago.



Oscar and Ola now own a grocery store in the nearby community of Edgemoor.

Oscar Stroud

I didn't come to Lando until 1927 and it was very much like it is now except more people lived there then. Because so many people have built their homes and moved out of the village.

They used to generate the power for the mill off a water wheel and before that they run it on steam. A steam engine pulled the whole mill. I remember when they pulled the old steam engine out. That was before they ever got electricity in the village. Then they run wires and wired the houses and generated power off the water wheel and fed power to the village in 1927. They had wells over the village and drawed their water. Before that, they had the boiler and a big steam engine that pulled a big shaft that went all the way thro' the mill and they had counter belts running off of that running over to all the machinery. That steam engine pulled everything. I remember seeing them cut up that old engine and carry it out in parts.