

Oh, yes. They lived on the creek down there and a big spring right there at the house, you know. And you know here lately that spring has gone dry.

(Well.)

It's been a generation (not clear). Yes sir, the way things have changed, you know.

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(It would be wonderful if we could turn back time and see that place and a lot of other places and how well they kept the farms and yards.)

I planted everything, everything in the world like corn and oats and everything.

Had chickens--lots of chickens.

(And plenty of neighbors, I guess.)

Oh yes and they raise their chickens--nearly raised theirself. They didn't have a fence like we do.

(Well. Just turn their stuff loose?)

Just turn it loose and it will take care of itself. They'd go out and get own food. See they used to--see there always used to be a big mob around.

Johnny England and Joe. John and Joe England. And she raise two boys I think. And there's Homer Jessie. She raised Homer Jessie.

(Yeah.)

Yeah, he was a drunk. John Gibson was her father. John Gibson used to be speaker for Indians in the Cherokee court. Good talker too. I liked to hear him. He was sheriff for a time too.

(Yeah.)

--(not clear)time he was (not clear)--

(Well. Well he must have been quite a--)

He was. When he was sheriff in that city he went--at that time, under the Arkansas law. This was in the Cherokee Nation time. See, we didn't have no constitution and we went over there to try to copy the constitution in