

one of the fellows kills my neighbor's boy over here or something like that. They try to smuggle that, you know. They don't feel like anybody else would towards the fellow that done it.

(They don't want anybody else butting into it?)

No. They don't want nobody else butting into it. 'Course there's not none of that goes on anymore. But it went on then. And it...

(Probably because there weren't very many white people in here then, were there?)

There wasn't. There wasn't. There wouldn't be no white people...

(Well, the Cherokees had their own court system at one time, I guess they decided, think maybe they decided that they could do their own,

continue with some of their own decisions?)

Yeah. Well, now, my grandmother told me that...this. The laws that we had, now that was the Indians. She said, she said that if the white man had the same law, that there wouldn't be so much of this other stuff going on. She said, when a man violated the law. She said, they just take him out on a limb and jumped him off and that was all. Didn't get a chance to violate anymore laws. He was just a dead man. And so I didn't really, I didn't approve of that law. Because I believe in giving a man a chance to prove himself guilty or not guilty. Now that's my opinion of it.

(I read...read last year of at least two disappearances over here and one murder where they've never proved anything. Sometimes one case, they never did find the man that disappeared. Out of Sallisaw. He might have just walked off and fell in a hole somewhere.)

#### GRANDMOTHER WAS A DOCTOR

Well now, he might...This thing, the thing of it is, Indians is all different to me than other people. Now they...they had a way of smuggling things. And I guess it's true but my grandmother was...was one of 'em. It's what they call a witch doctor. And anytime they got an