

HOW HENRY STARR BECAME OUTLAW - OTHERS JOINED HIM

Calch Starr--they elected Caleb Starr sheriff there one time after statehood. Yeah, what got Henry into it first, Henry was a good boy. But he went way up above here towards the Kansas line somewhere. He had some kinfolks living up there. And he went to a dance one night, and I don't know how come him to do it, but, anyway, before the dance was over, he took a notion that he wanted to go home. He had walked over there. There was horses all tied up there, and he just untied one of them damn horses, got on it, and rode it home. He turned the horse loose, you know. The next day, they found the horse way down the road from where he'd left it, you know, and they accused him of stealing the horse. Well, Joe Wilson was United States marshal, the fella that owned the damn horse and saddle. He got his horse and saddle back the next morning. He just turned it loose, and give it a whipping and run it on back down the road, you know. He got his horse back. There wasn't no damage, nobody hurt. It made this fella mad, and he accused Henry of stealing the horse and swore out a writ for him. That's the first--that's the way Henry first started out.

(Well.)

Hell, he hadn't harmed nobody, done nothing in a way. He had an uncle lived up there. He just went up there on a visit. Well, he was young, and he like to go to dances just like the rest of them. Henry was a good looking man too.

(Oh, yeah, good looking fella.)

Goddamn ladies's man. The women just look for him. All of them stuck on him.

(Oh, sure, yeah.)

Well, he got to Tahlequah. Fella in there, young fella--I say it was damn