Jack Ross's account." Killed a few Pins in Tahlequah--poor Andy Nae (?) Now--Andy Nae had married John Ross's daughter. I think that's how it went. They had a store out here at Park Hill together, John Ross and Andrew Nae. "Poor Andy Nae killed. He refused to surrender. Was shot by Dick Fields of my group. I felt sorry as he used to be quite friendly towards me before the war. It could not be helped. I would rather--great deal rather have him taken prisoner. Since my return, I've been sick. Now, a good deal better. Another scout has been made to tell about the battles. He returned today. They found some Negroes and were killed." Well, this is one of the letters that John Ross wrote to his wife, I mean, that Stand Watie wrote to his wife. He turned him loose, of course. He didn't kill him. He had an opportunity. He had the man. But he was convinced to kill his brother, his uncle, and his first cousin. I think this shows the great warmth and the great humanity that was in Stand Watie because, he, himself was threat to be executed by this particular group. He turned Ross loose. But he couldn't quite spare Ross's son-in-law so he shot him or had him shot or accidentally had him shot because he wouldn't surrender. All right, the second invasion came down. They completely pushed all southern Indians out of this area here, they left none. All right, they have a new commander. His name was Vandorn. Vandorn says, "I'm going to take St. Louis." He says, "Albert Pike," he says, "You commander of the Cherokees over there." He says, "You get all your Cherokees together," and he says, "we're going to invade Missouri and Arkansas. We're going to go up and take St. Louis. We're going to take Chicago, Minneapolis and the whole kit and caboodle. And we're going to win the war for the South over here--we're going to take and divide it."

So Albert Pike says, "Now, wait just a minute." He says, "You can't take the Cherokees from Tahlequah. You can't take the Cherokees from Muskogee." See, they had set up, I think, called Cannonment Davis at Muskogee. It was named after Jefferson Davis. And it was quite a elaborate fort that they created over there at Jones Hill's home. Many of you know Jones, the