

OUTLAWS IN EARLY DAYS

(Yeah. Well I often thought now over on this side of the river, you weren't bothered with outlaws in those early days like they were on the other side were you?)

Well, no. That's one thing that is to our advantage over here, you know.

(Seem like they were all back over in Cookson Hills.)

Yeah. That say back in there. Or further down around Briartown, Parum, down there and around there, in Younger Bend, down in there, you know (not clear).

All in there. They had their hiding places there. That's far as I've ever heard of.

(Yeah, course, the outlaw they always pick the wild part of the country to stay in. I guess that's why they went down in there.)

Another thing I've heard them talk about is that cane. Cane break -- them outlaws had them a building. I guess they had someone come in there and build it or something. They put their horses in there and they went there too. Couldn't see it until you got right up on it. But they all had guards out watching for them, you know.

(Yeah some parts of the old Cherokee Nation I guess it's pretty well controlled by outlaws. Like Younger Bend down there in the Cookson Hills. I guess there was a lot of outlaws stayed in there.)

Well, saying them was outlaws, then, to them, was kind of like what government is to us people now. They fed them. They taken care of them.

(That's right. They sure did.)

Yeah they -- There's old boy down here, manager (not clear), he's pretty old then. They lived over there around where Pretty Boy Floyd was. They was over here south of me about two or three miles. And that Pretty Boy he'd come by there and see that old man, and always give him some money. Never hear him say nothing to him. After it all, over with you know.