

don't know whether I had mentioned before that I did state that Chili Fish was my grandfather. And I didn't really know my grandparents Chili and Ellen Fish because I was small at this particular time that they were living. But I've been told down through history that at the time of their life that he was a very or both of them were very prominent people. They were well thought of. And at that particular time, he was noted as one of the greatest farmers around Seminole county. And I'm sure other counties too. He had an orchard which people say was the most beautiful orchard that they had ever seen in their life. Also, during his period of time, he served as the Captain of the Light Horsemen. I don't know the background of all the Light Horsemen. But there seemed to be about twelve parties to this. And they had their own law. And if someone, say, took a life or someone else getting their payment, they would pick up the party and they would have a trial. And if they were convicted, then, this party would have to repay with their own life. Or else if they had done--stole something, for example. And today in Wewoka, there is a tree which they said was the whipping tree. In this time of the Light Horsemen and if this particular party was convicted of this particular crime, then, they would tie his hands and tie him to the tree. And then, they would whip him possibly until blood was flowing from his back, I imagine. I don't know how this all turned out. But anyway, after Oklahoma became a state, all this seemed to demolish. And all this Light Horsemen organization just kind of dissolved. But I know that my grandfather as I was told down through history that he was a very nice party. And he did justice. And tries to help during this time of Light Horsemen. Uh--law not to be really forceful and hateful and all this, but to try to serve the best of his ability. And then later on, he became a principal chief to the Seminoles. And there he served two or three approximately more sessions. And he was well known. I know even today, people ask me, "Where