

town was to be near the school. Their first child was school age and he had to go two and a half miles to school. In 1921 Mack Houston set up a barbershop at the present location on North Muskogee. The first hydraulic round-based chair that ever came to Tahlequah, he said, I don't know which is going to wear out first, me or the chair. Mack Houston concluded his greatest achievement and contribution to Tahlequah. The responsibility he took in organizing and establishing the General Baptist Church in 1945. It started with 16 members, which has since grown to 250. Converted to the faith in 1939, he was an active worker from the start. He was ordained a deacon in the General Baptist Church at Welling in 1940.)

(Tape skip)

TOWN OF GIDEON AND SURROUNDING AREA

(Well, you saw Gideon probably grow up from the beginning then, didn't you?)

Yeah, Yeah. I just--well there used to be five stores at Gideon.

(Well, my goodness.)

Five stores, two cotton gins, saw mill, two grist mills, two halls, and a doctor's office.

(Well, it was a town then.)

Yeah, it was a town. (Interruption) He lived around what they call the Hastings Switch there at Gabriel.

(Yeah, Gabriel, down in there.)

On the railroad west of town there a ways. I don't know how far it was out there about five or six miles I guess. That's where he lived mostly. He thrashed all through our country back north of there.

(Well.)

Him, Bob Young, Bill Young and some.