

(Yeah, that was a well known family too.)

Yeah. Now Kirk, Kirk Parris, his grandfather, Jim Parris raised him. Then there used to be a feller by the name of Coon Parris. He was an old man. He had bunch of boys. Jack Parris, Lindy Parris, Buck Parris, and Tom Parris. He had two girls, Charlotte and Lum. That was old man Coon, Coon Parris.

(Yeah.)

He lived southwest of Gideon.

(I've heard about Parris boys all my life. Some of 'em were pretty good fellas. Then seem like one or two of 'em kinda turned bad.)

That's was their cousin.

(Their cousin?)

Yeah. That's a different bunch. They's reared around Tahlequah.

(That's the bunch, yeah.)

Around Tahlequah. Blake Parris.

(Yeah, that Blake Parris, I've heard of him.)

Jim and Blake was brothers. This guy killed Blake here in Wagoner with a knife.

(Well.)

Stabbed him with a knife. Just happened to hit him in the heart.

(Yeah, back in those early days, I guess, there was some rather rough fellas.)

Yeah, there was. Really rough.

(Yes sir, a lot has happened in this part of the country in its time.)

I've read about my step-dad too. See my mother married John Hicks.

(Yeah.)

After my father got killed. He was pretty bad man too.