

and shot him between the eyes. Well, the government got hold of all this trouble down here. They sent a man down here to investigate it. Now, he investigated it. And he said, well, said you know anybody that can contact 'em. 'Course they wouldn't right out and say they could. But yeah, we think we can get somebody to contact 'em.

He said, well, I'll tell you what you do. He said, you tell 'em to come to Tahlequah. I'll meet 'em down there. I'll make a treaty with 'em. Peace treaty with 'em. Said I want to end this killing. He said, well, they didn't kill old Gilstrap twice when they caught him and saved all this other killing. Said he had it coming. And so they contacted 'em. Made a date. Well, Charley, he wouldn't go. He just hated the white man. Oh, how he hated 'em. So, he takes off. Goes down to the Choctaw nation. Tom and John, they go down to Tahlequah. They wanted to know where Charley was. Said, well, he's been killed in a fight. So, they told them, well, hand your guns over to him. Said, well, I've got a treaty here. Said, you all put your mark on it. Said, there won't be anymore fights. There won't be any more law after you either. So they put their mark on and handed the guns back to 'em. Said, well, you'll need your guns to kill game with to eat. You won't be bothered anymore. By golly, they kept that treaty. That's the only one I ever knew of keeping.

(I never heard of another one like that.)

No sir. Well, you know...

(And you say old Frank Ross had that treaty at one time, huh?)

No. Frank never had it, but he knew...

(He knew who had it.)

Yeah. He knew someone had it up there in his house. Now he lives, well, it's the first road going west as you cross Grand River down here going towards Strang. They live on the south side of the road