

There was four or five people killed there, you know.

(Yeah.)

They was going to try Zeke Proctor, you know.

(Yeah.)

Instead of trying him, they come in there to kill him. And I think they even shot the judge.

(Well.)

Or maybe the judge killed one. Anyway George knows just how it happened.

(You mean everybody was carrying guns then?)

Yeah.

(Well, I'll be dadgummed.)

People come in there. The judge was supposed to try him, you know.

They didn't go there to try him. They went there to kill him. By golly, he just grabbed a Winchester, you know, and he killed a woman accidentally.

(Well. Oh, them must have been tough days.)

Oh boy. They wasn't like these here hippie deals now.

(Well, they don't have any law nowadays.)

You know, all history books that you can find will tell you the same thing. That the Cherokee law was the strictest law in the world.

(It was. I've read some of it, and it was.)

They hung horse thieves.

(Yeah.)

They hung'em. I can show you places where they hung'em over there by Echota.

(Yeah.)

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Yeah they--(Interruption)--peace officer, law enforcement officer. They don't have enough protection.