

us seen 'im. Come to the test, the boys run off down through the woods. I looked at it, but I never would look at nary nother one. I thought I had been there two or three times to see it, hated to run off and not see it. Pretty hard to decide. But now, that was their way--that was their law, just like it is ours, electrocutin' 'em. We used to hang 'em, you know. And so we got to electrocutin' 'em now. So they shot 'im. And this officer, he said, "Well, now I see there is a few white people here and can't speak very good English, but I'll do the very best I can." And he made a good talk. He said, "Now I could hire this done." Said, "It is my duty to do it." Said, "I was elected an officer and I think I had just as well do the work as to hire somebody, so I just go through with it myself." Took 'im out five steps in front of the court house--just like an old time school house, you know, court house. He stepped back in the door five steps and that made ten steps, and shot 'im with a 44 winchester. They had an officer hold of each hand--hold 'im, you know, out that way, settin' on a little box out there. They said he lived eight minutes. But I didn't think he lived at all. His head dropped over and he struggled a few times and that was it, you know. They turned 'im over to his people. They took 'im off there and layed 'im in the shade on a pallet.

IN EARLY DAYS, CHOCTAWS WOULD RETURN FOR PUNISHMENT AFTER 30 DAYS FREEDOM

And they used to--you know about that I guess. They used to give 'em a sentence and turn 'em loose, you know, and they'd come back. Indians would. And one of 'em run away and he went way off down about Grant. Guess he thought he had left the United States. They went down there and got 'im when they got ready for 'im and they built a jail over there. And they had a jail when I went. And it was funny--it's strange, but that shows the beginning of the principal of the Indian tribe. They give 'em 30 days to make peace with their God and be back there on certain day and