

It lost its zip and was abandoned. And I bought one of those buildings. Up here about 20 miles there's a lake up there that the state built and named for me. And I bought one those buildings and moved it up there and it's my cabin. But there's so much of it and it's hard to tell a story like it ought to be told.

(I realize that.)

THE LOCKE WAR AND THE COMPROMISE

Take the Locke war. That was an incident that occurred here. There wasn't much of a war to it, yet at the time they got up to a position of fighting and did fight. That happened up at around Tuskahoma where the building is. Have you been up there to the capital building? (Yes, I've been up there to the Council House when they've had meetings on Labor Day. See, I'm half Choctaw and my father is a fullblood. I guess, five or six years ago on a couple of occasions I have brought him up to the meetings there.)

Is your father living?

(Yes.)

Well, did his folks come from Mississippi?

(My grandpa was Gilbert Webster Thompson and my father's mother - my grandmother died when my father was just about a year and half or two years old. So my father was sent from one Indian school to another and lived for a time with a preacher Cobb in Hugo. He was raised partly by preacher Cobb when he wasn't off in Indian school. But he tells about going to Spencer Academy. Now that's the school. He went on the train. Was there a train - a depot called Spencer?)

No. Not up there. A railroad didn't go up that way up there. Railroad is down here.