

(That's right, your uncle's store.)

Yes, he'd come here and rob it. And one night they come here and rob the store, and they was brave - and they had - they took the axe, you know, and cut down the door. Uncle Lewis had a stanchion door, made cross ways. So they had been gettin' in here a time or two before. And, ah, he had a stanchion door this time, and it took a great deal of choppin' to get the door down. And papa was up at old man Duckworth's - quite a ways from home. We lived on the home place down here, then. And he had the axes, you know, choppin', and ah, he come a runnin' down there and he grabbed his winchester, and old man Duckworth had a long old rifle, and they slipped into the field right here, and it was a thicket then, and they seen the lights going off. And old man Duckworth wanted to shoot at the lights. But Papa wouldn't let him. Said maybe there's nobody hurt. And they come in and Aunt Lucinda said she liked to have never opened the door. And she opened the door and then she said they wasn't bothered - and one pickets stood in the corner, and one in the corner of the other chimney to see if anybody come out to see - you know, they'd kill them.

(Who stood in this side?)

The Christie bunch.

(The Christie bunch stood inside waiting for somebody--?)

Yes, uh-huh. They stood in the corner of the chimney. Call pickets.

(It was pretty wild back in those days, wasn't it?)

Yeah, uh-huh. And every time - you know Ned would - he had this fort built up here and when they'd hear of a marshall was coming, U.S. Marshall, why he would take his bunch and go down this way. I don't know why he went down that way - down by Hungry Mountain somewhere. Papa - momma would run papa upstairs. And he could of shot them when they come in the yard - from the windows.

(That was in this place here, the Old Store?)