

blood hounds killed, Dick Terry was shot, and Sam Walker was shot. And there was another one. Let's see, I can't think of his name. Henry Holderman and Bob Thompson run. Those two,

SEVERAL INCIDENTS WHILE DRIVING FOR DRUMMERS

(You had some experiences as driving for the drummers in those early says, didn't you?)

Oh yes, in the Cobb Hotel. As drummers would come by, that is my first job. Well my first job was cleaning the barn and feeding the horses, currying them. Anybody would come in, put up their horse and feed them, you know. Take care of horses. And finally the drummers commence callin' for somebody that knew the country, you know, knew all the little towns around in there. Who could make them towns? J.K. Taylor said, "Yeah, I got a man." Said, "He talks Cherokee and he meets up with Cherokees." Said, "He could talk to them for you." And there was one fellow come, he was from Chicago, Illinois. He says, "I want a man," he said, "that can kind of take me around those wigwams. I don't want to go through where the wigwams is."

(What was his reason?)

He said, "They - the Indians goes on the war path, they liable to take me up and string me up. I don't want to have to hurt none of them, but I might have to hurt one if they hurt me." So I says, well, I seen right straight that he was kinda a green guy. I says, "Well," I says, "I can take you around and I show you some of the Indians and I show you some of the homes." He says, "That's what I want to see." So the first stop was Wagoner. There was three full-blood Shawnees there, at Clyde Yorbaugh's store. He was scared. He was trembling. I took his bags and said right along, I said, "Those Indians won't hurt you." -- and they could talk good English. The Shawnees could talk good English. I says, "They'll talk English with you." I said, "You talk to them, they won't hurt you." I says, "I've been around them all my life. I growed up around them."