

council, you know, in different spots and so on. Well, one particular time they had council, I musta been in July, down there on Bird Creek-dat's south of here about couple a miles. My mother carried me down there--them time the parents would carry a child, you know, to where they execute the law on somebody, you know, and I guess that's for 'em to stand in fear of the law, I reckon. Well, dey had a council down there and she taken me down there. I don't know for what cause, but it had to been that, since I got big enough to know. Now, the first two persons ever seen whipped to the man by the name of Dennis Cyrus. (To former Seminole county sheriff Bill Nicholson who was with me: "You mighta know him. He growed up to be a lighthorseman before he died.")

(Dennis who?)

Cyrus. You, you remember him don't you Mr.--

(To Nicholson, who replied, "I remember the name.")

Yeah, now there, he whipped him and another old man by the name of ah, William Seany--they whipped him that day.

(Do you know why they whipped them?)

I don't know what they stole, but they stole something, and they execute the law on them. Now this Dennis Cyrus, they gave him 50 lash. Why I know it was 50 lash, 'cause they wasn't but two whip him and old William Seany, he musta was whipped before--they was four mens whip him.

(How many lashes did he get?)

They give 25 apiece; each man give him 25. Dat was de law at dat time.

(How old were you at that time?)

Oh, I must, I musta been eight or 10 years old, something like that--just a kid.

(Was John Jumper there at the time?)

Yeah, he's the chief, yes sir. They had council there.

(Now who did the whipping; the men who delivered the lashes. Where they lighthorsemen?)

Yes sir, lighthorseman, but I can't remember dere names and nothing like it.

Yes sir, they lighthorsemen.