

money and time to help Chief Sam Mayes get elected. And Mushrat wanted to be High Sheriff. And so after Chief Mayes was elected, they came down to Tahlequah and took it up with the Chief and they had to campaign among the Senators and Representatives in the Council. And the Chief would send the name down to the Council and they had to approve it. So they worked around there a day or two among these council members and Red Cloud said that he went to bed over the National Hotel. And way up in the morning, Mushrat came in and said, "Red Cloud, I can't get over with the council. I've been checking with 'em." Said, "There's enough of them the other way, 'till they won't pass me if the Chief sends my name down." Said, "If they sent your name down, you can pass." Said, "I've checked with 'em." Said, "I don't want it." Said, "I don't want to be High Sheriff." Said, "Yeah, we've spent too much time and money now." He said, "You send your name down." They talked about it next morning and said, "Well, Okay." So they went down to visit Chief and asked him to send his--Red Cloud's name over. And he did and he said he got every vote in there except one. One Indian said all and one said (Not clear - Cherokee word) just one in the whole bunch and said afterward why he came around and said, "They said John Duncan." If they'd said "Red Cloud" I would voted too. I thought it was black John Duncan. (Laughter) That's how come him to be High Sheriff. He wasn't campaigning for it. But when Mushrat thought he couldn't get it, why, he wanted Red Cloud to have it and he got it.

HAS CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN JUDGE PARKER AND RED CLOUD

(Do you know the age of that old Federal jail there?)

When it was built?

(Yeah.)

Yeah. I've got the dates but I have forgotten. I think it was in the '80's.

But don't quote me on that. But seems like '82 or along there.

(Well it was in use when Judge Parker used to hold court down at Ft. Smith?)