

implements. And they traded with him from all over the nation, I guess. And one night, Eli Toni was one his young clerks there, in fact, the old court house was on Eli Toni's wife's allotment and they--the Cherokees sold the court house to be moved and somehow another the assistant Chief Summer bought the thing and didn't move it. And Bob Wilson, Joe I. Wilson's dad, in the deal some way or another--Eli told me his wife filed--her folks filed her on the ground and the old court house set on it and some-way in the deal the old court house just set there and still is standing. It is residence now but anyway Eli and his wife owned the property and he was a clerk as long as the store ran. In this particular incident, he said they were having a big poker game. These traveling salesmen and Joe I. was in game with 'em, and some of his other clerks. This Eli was a full blood boy. He was just walking around when somebody knocked on the door up in the night. And Eli went to the door and--had the doors locked--and said some Indian said "Wickliff boys right up the hollow there and they wondered if they could buy some things on immigrant payment, said everybody else was buying on it." Said "Well, I'll ask Joe I." Said "He's setting back there in a poker game. Said that he went back there and ask him. Said "Yes, they can have anything they want." And so he went back and told this Indian. Said, "Well, they be down right away." And said they came down. He told 'em said, "Come in side door. Don't come in front door." Had a side door and one of 'em went to the front door and the other one did the trading. And said when they came in, said Joe I. introduced 'em to these traveling salesmen. Said "This is Wickliff boys and they had a reputation that is great as Pretty Boy Floyd or Bonnie Parker or Clyde or anybody at that time. There were 30 or 40 marshals there continually all the time like an army and they never did catch 'em. And this money all piled up there and these outlaws come in and just walked on by, bought what they wanted and signed