

of slaves of the Cherokee. That don't seem to me that that's hardly enough-- that was purely political, my own opinion is purely political matter. The Republicans was in power and they decided that was a good way to--as you said a few minutes ago the Cherokees had some pretty good politician had some pretty good politics brewing here among Cherokees here in the Cherokee Nation days you know. I said to my father one time, "Why is it, what's the difference between the Democrats and the Republicans?" And there was several men standing there. I was just a kid. They was talking politics you know and I said, "Dad, what's the difference of being a Republican and a Democrat." He said, "Well, I tell you son," said, "The Democrats and, the--the Republicans love a nigger, and the Democrats don't." He described it and just laugh ed you know. (Laughter). Lot to that you know.

(Other than the Keetoowahs and the Night Hawks what was some of the other Cherokee political factions or--)

None that--I don't know of any other. Under the Nationals, there might have been other parties, but I never heard of them if there was. (Sentence not clear)-- you know that just killed us. That was so sad. That was 1904 I believe it was. (And he was a student of the seminary?)

Student. And that just ruined our day of course. Jess and I went on to Oklahoma University and I played football with Jess. That was Robert's brother. Jess was right hand and I was tackle. We didn't have time--

(That was Dave Sunday and then he had a brother, Nick Sunday. They were from up in that Locust Grove community.)

Yeah.

GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE AND GENERAL TAYLOR WENT TO DANCES AT MERLE HOME

(What is the story about the Merle home down here. Do you recall anything about it.)

I don't know much about it only what I've read in the--that old home stood there for years you know. Kirk McGee lived there a few years. Finally occured to someone in the Historical Department to renovate it and make something out of it.