

Yeah, oh yeah. We had a jail, court house, out there in the square. Yeah we had marshall here, and law for a long time.

(Did they have any badmen running around that--at that time?)

Well, bank robbers. They robbed the bank here a time or two. They caught the bank robbers here, one time, had 'em in jail here. Took them on to Vinita, sent them to the penitentiary. Then the next time, the Harpole gang, I guess you've heard of them--well, they robbed a bank here, and got away.

And then they had a den over here across Big Creek, where they stayed.

And some folks come over there, went over to Bartlesville, this Harpole did, and stole a hog from a butcher shop. Butcher and grocery, grocery and market was what it was. And they took half a hog and a lot of groceries and come back over to their camp here on Big Creek. Of course them officers over there thought it was just a bunch of niggers, they never thought about an outlaw robbin' a store, and they followed them over here. And they killed two of 'em, two was from Nowata, killed two, Harpole did. Well, they wasn't officers, they just come over, five or six of 'em lookin' around, and they killed two of 'em and burnt their car. And then they got away. And then they moved out, went down to Okmulgee, and they they, there's where they was killed. They went to Okmulgee and built a same kind of a rig as they had over here, a camp but it was an awful good place, you couldn't get it over to the camp, you had to go down along a little creek. And you had to go down this creek up above, in a boat, and then into this camp. And it was just a mile and a half from where Poe's uncle lived. Tom Poe. And they'd get their provisions there and one thing or another, and that's where they got the ammunition, and that's what got 'em on to where they was at. They sent Poe, Tom Poe to get ammunition. And he went to Kansas City and all around and bought high powered ammunition. And when he came back to Nowata, why, they stopped him, there, and searched him, and