

jumped up and said, "Bill, where's your horse?" I said "It's up in Teehee's pasture." Teehee was what I was trying to think of. So, Eliah Tony, he had his horse in Teehee's barn. He just went up there and got that horse and head for the hills, over west of Pryor here. Well then, before they could ever catch him by god, he went back to Georgia, where he was raised. And in a short time after that it came statehood, you see, and they never did try him.

(Well.)

Him and Martin Rowe was together in that fight that night. And him and Martin was in there crying around while we was dressing that man. And I pulled my coat off, and when Martin Rowe, when they went out, Martin Rowe got my coat. So he scouted around about three months, and finally come back to his dad's down there. And I got my coat, but there was a bullet hole in it, and I wouldn't wear it.

(laughter)

I traded for Tom Baggett and Teehee, and then when old man Hines come there, I was the head trader. It didn't make any money to transfer back to Siloam. I had it to do. Yes, I traded lots.

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(Was that wild country then?)

It's pretty wild, I claim. But, I kept out of it. I didn't drink with them, I didn't gamble with them. And so I got by. But old Martin Rowe he's living. I guess over here at Tulsa yet. But after statehood, John Colbert come back, and he'd left his wife and baby at Teehee. She was an Indian woman, and he was adopted. But way years before that his brother was killed. (name not clear) Rowe. They convicted him too, but he got loose and dug out of the jail, down there at Tahlequah, him and some more of them. And they never did catch him anymore, and after they turned