

Well, he shut his mouth.

(Who was the sheriff over there at the Saline courthouse?)

When the killings took place?

(Yeah.)

The last sheriff, it was old Jess Sunday. And he was killed, and Dave Riggs was elected to next term. Well, he was killed too. So, that become statehood right after that, so that ended it. I don't remember who the judge was that tried Martin Rowe, but now, mind you now, old Zeke Proctor, you've heard much about him. Well, old Zeke was a livin' there then and he wouldn't go nowhere without he having got a boy up behind him. And I, this all happened now, before when I was just a boy. But they had a fight during the trial. Him and one of the Becks got into it. And there's a woman run inbetween them, one of the Beck woman, and he shot and killed her. Well, they was a trying old Zeke for that. Well, there's a bunch of them come in...they was goin' to kill him. Of course he was still armed and everybody was armed in this court. Well, anyhow they had the fight, and there was four or five killed. Zeke got by, but there was, I think about three of the Becks. that was killed there. And old Moses Alverty was killed. He was in the court business. There was one trial that I remember about, but I --that was before I went there. Before they built this new courthouse, the old courthouse was down on the Ragsdale place, a great big old log house. And they claimed they whipped one there...

(Whipped a horse thief.)

Oh...let's see...that was before I went there. And just before I went over there, they'd built this new house up here at Teehee Springs. And it was new, it hadn't been there long when I went up there. They claimed they whip them.