

(Tahlequah--what was it like when you were going to school down there?)

You know we use to go to school there. Sometimes they have a party over at Female Seminary and ask us boys over. We'd go over there and had old board sidewalk. You know, what they are don't you?

(I know what it is but I never seen that one.)

Had them through town and plum up to the Seminary. And we'd go up there and stay till about midnight and go to school and all go home--go back down through town on that old board sidewalk. Sound like a freight train coming through town. Those boys a talking you know. (laughter).

(Yeah, that would make a lot of noise, several of you.)

Them boys can't remember that but I can. Walk on them old board sidewalks.

(Well, did they have the big trees there then?)

Yeah, big trees. We'd go down through them trees.

(Well, did the Seminary have a band?)

Yes. String band. Those boys behaved themselves. They wouldn't let 'em play much. They get to playing and pretty soon the room be full and the teacher would allow that. Make 'em scat out. But they'd play anyhow.

(What was the water supply for the Seminary?)

Oh, they had a tank, water tank on the wagon. They hauled it. They had a big tank and it was built on a wagon and had--the end of it had a little old faucet on it. You stick it down in the bucket and get a bucket of water. The man that hauled it from spring.

(From up town there?)

No, there was a spring there. And he hauled every day. Put the wagon down there under the big tree. That's the way we have water. We carry water up to our rooms in bucket and we wash our hands and face in it, you know, and pour it in another bucket. When that bucket got full we carry it off.