CRIMINALS FROM OTHER STATES WOULD COME TO THE TERRITORY TO AVOID PROSECUTION IN THEIR OWN STATE

And you could commit a crime. In any other state you wanted to. And you come to Indian territory and they couldn't prosecute. And that's how come they (not clear). (Not clear). And I've heard them talk about it. A fellow by the name of Haney, Bill Haney killed-kicked an old lady off of a porch up there in Arkansas. Farmington, Arkansas. And law got after him. And he outrun the law. When he went to cross the state line up there by Westville. And he throwed his hat, shoes and gloves and give the sheriff the wave of his hand. The sheriff wouldn't come to the line, he couldn't cross the line. The sheriff shot at him. And he just (not clear) sheriff. (Not clear) They used to kid him about it. He'd wait until after dark then he'd go up there and then he'd leave. Leave up there after dark. Nobody knowed where he hid out at.

MEDICAL DOCTORS WERE SCARCE IN EARLY DAYS

(Yeah and bring a load of whiskey back into Indian Territory)

Indian territory. Yeah. Load of whiskey. We used to call them quarts. Call them fifths now. Call it quart of whiskey. Folks kept whiskey in the house. And they'd take them a drink of a morning. Just in the morning and have no more for the rest of the day. There wasn't no such thing as medical doctor, wasn't no kind doctor. Whiskey was used sometimes like medicine.

(Well that would depend on whatever was available.)

That's right. First medical doctor I can remember of was, I believe he come from Tahlequah over here. Murray. Doc Murray. He came over and that old place out south over here. Willow Spring. Way before my father was an old man. He built a little old log two room house. Him and his wife and three children lived in that little old log house. And didn't even have no windows. Just had a quilt up over the door.

(Hum)