

When they cook, they had to build fire in on the dirt. And they lived in that house until he got able to build him a house. If you need him they go to him and tell him who was sick. Well he said, "I'll go see her. You go on back. I'll be on." And he would just take out through the woods.

(Uh-huh) /

He wouldn't ride. He wouldn't ride. He could take a horse. Now if you had a buggy you'd be a rich man then if you had a buggy.

(Yeah)

Horse and buggy well that was something. You were somebody then if you had a horse and buggy.

IN EARLY DAYS, A MAN'S WORD WAS HIS BOND

Them days a man's word was good.

(Yes sir. And a man's word--)

A man's word ain't nothing now days.

(Not now days. But then in those old days it was his bond.)

His bond. And if he told you he'd be there at a certain day, if he wasn't sick or dead he was there.

(Uh-huh)

Now I've heard my father talk about my grandfather. My grandfather was a judge of the Cherokee Nation for forty years.

(Riley. Riley Keeler. Well)

And he said he heard his grandfather. He heard his grandfather talk about a fellow being hung. Said they tell him to come and be there a certain day to be hung. So that day they come. And they'd be right there to be hung. How many do that now?

(When a man gives his word to be there knowing he's going to be hung. Why he's pretty much of a man.)

Pretty much of a man. Why you can't commit small --