

He tells about the ways Indian land ownership is being reduced by land owning white man. He don't understand why a white man can own a 1000 acres of the Cherokee Nation and the Indian is basically limited to 20 and 40 acre patches of rocks. Even in acquiring land from Indians, the white man is always setting the conditions and promoting the deals. He reveals his own experiences in land matters, which resulted in him being completely surrounded by white man. Even now he wonders why they call it Indian Nation.

He recalls a long time ago when O. K. Chandler was an Indian Agent, as well as an Indian himself, helped his father with information in growing better corn and cotton.

The family spent lots of time making cross ties to supplement their living. Bert has spent nearly all of his life in the woods country, and has spent very little time away from the deep woods country.

Bert remembers at the first school taught to, as 2 miles from his home, called I-X-L, and later called Locust Grove. The old school disappeared a long time ago. Around 1910 went to Wyandotte Indian School, thru the encouragement of Mr. Chandler. He tells about the train ride from Locust Grove to Wyandotte, and being lost by Harry Tapp. He stayed there 4 years. He remembers when practice was signed in 1910 when he was third in school. It was written in English to speak English.

He tells about encouraging children to stay in schools.

He tells about the trouble he was in trying to keep his wife in Indian schools at Chilocco, and felt he has discriminated against them when they were turned away. He says the government don't hesitate to take the Indian boys for the army and let them get killed, but when an Indian wants to get education, government turns head away and don't hear. But he feels, the Indian by nature just won't say much, knowing he will probably loose anyway, which is old story to Indian.

His father, John Spade, was a prominent Indian Preacher in the country in his time.

His grandfather on the Trail of Tears, never remembered seeing his mother or father again. He thinks they died during the removal.

He recalls some old Indians in the area - Little Pigeon, Ned Lowrey, Noah Buck, and others.

He also starts Indian community work at Bull Hollow, and in arts & crafts activities.