

(Unclear) to lose (unclear) out of something. So they could divide that money between either one of them. If you'd had any business dealings you'd have to deal with Graham. They didn't know what to do or how to handle a thing at all. They just let, got anyway they - with what they wanted to.

(Was it before statehood came or later?)

Well, you see it belonged to all of us. Any amount of it we wanted. That was our territory. We was a tribe, we had it.

If we wanted to go and cut some trees down, or haul a bunch of timber or go somewhere, do anything you wanted to do, you wanted to build a place that was your business. You just select it. Do whatever you want to. Everybody was perfectly welcome to such things like that.

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(Well that was a good way to be. Everybody was happy then.)

Yeah. If anybody needed anything, well they will go help them. Everybody was working, you see, to help them get started. Everybody was friends.

Weren't too many murders at that time. Well there was a bunch of men got killed though. Now days its dangerous for one to come into your place and investigate something. Old man Vann -- lot of them Vanns live down there.

There was some Wilkersons live there.

(Yeah, they were old families down in there.)

Whole lot of people, Turners live in there. There's lot of Downing in there. Its a regular Downing settlement.

(Yeah, there's lots of Downings.)

Four or five brothers. They all had families.. Joe Shade.

(Joe Shade, yeah, that's another one of them.)

His wife was old when she died.

(Yeah. She lived to be a hundred and thirty-four, Joe's wife. That's a ripe old age.)