

he wasn't though, but that's the way he signed. I was I guess. I didn't have much--

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(Well, did you like--when they had the court down there and they used to hold the Cherokee court didn't you used to--weren't you court recorder there for a while, secretary or something?)

I use to interpret in District Court and help the jailer sometime.

('Course now I keep thinking that was later on, because you were only--statehood came in 1907 and you were born in 1901, weren't you? So, that was after it became a state.)

Oh, yeah. I remember though when they had a penitentiary there.

(Do you? When they used to put 'em in jail there?)

Yeah, but it was like McAlister, you know.

(Uh-huh)

Maggie: Said they used to hang people.

They had a place there hangman--

(Well, did they used to hang--they had the hanging tree there didn't they--did you ever go down and watch a hanging?)

We went down there, but I don't remember just how that was, you know, but I remember being there. I was too little.

(That was right there in Tahlequah, huh?)

Yeah. Well, it was where that jail is now. 'Course that's a different jail they got there now.

(That's the same courthouse though isn't it?)

Yeah, that's the same.

Maggie: Boy, its been there a long time, ain't it?

It burned up one time, too, but they just took part of it off and then rebuilt it back. They didn't--that's old Foster isn't it?

Maggie: Yeah, today's Monday, ain't it?