

Yeah, I remember I went up there with my uncle I guess, it was Mama's brother used to be the jailer down there when the Cherokee law. Used to be, you know, they hang 'em and hook 'em.

(How did the Cherokee law go. I'm trying to remember that.)

It's just like a penitentiary, got the same rules. Only some of the rules they cut out and some they do the same thing. See, the way they used to whip 'em they don't do it no more--in the penitentiary, in McAlister.

It's all the same thing. That's what it was they cut that out then they don't hang 'em up there anymore, but they gas chamber and all that stuff like that, but they don't hang 'em like they used to.

(Cherokees when they kill (murder) somebody; they took their life, didn't they?)

Yep, steal a horse.

(Horse thieves, did they kill 'em when they were horse thieves?)

They'd hang 'em.

(Oh, my goodness, if they got caught.)

Yeah. It is the same as the law that they're having on that movie, you know, they're horse thieves. Supposed to be hung, you know, that's the way it was. That was the same law, but they changed all that now, you know, but they still play like that here, you know. That's all the same thing, that's what it was. I remember when they used to drive 'em down to that river bank and wash their face on the mornings. We'd be out there wagon yard, you know, we could see 'em from there they'd drive down 'em down there to that creek and have them stripped clothes on.

'Course we didn't have no water like we have now. They just wash out some where.

(Reckon they were taking medicine, too?)