

(Blacksnake whip?)

Bring the hide every time, you know. Boy he said he wouldn't be in that son-of-a-gun--said if he knowed he going there, he said, there'd be some shooting till he did die.

(He wasn't about to go back.)

Well, really he deserved it, that beating.

(He was mean?)

Oh yeah, killer, I guess. Killed an old man down there and robbed him.

(People used to be mean up through here, too, didn't they Hooley? I mean, you know, bad to rob you, and break in and stuff?)

There was some boys that come down here. They got caught right there across the creek there. Old Blackie Wilson and Jack Brown. I don't know why they used to come down here all the time. Come here and talk to me, you know, do something. I knew he was doing something, but he always carried a gun, you know. I didn't know he was a bank robber. I was working all the time and well, I went all the time when I was able, you know, He told me, "There's a way you don't have to work." He told me that two or three times when he'd come down here. "No," I said, "I ain't going to do that." I wouldn't.

(Was he trying to get you to hold up something?)

Yeah, he--about two weeks he got caught. (Laughter)

(Tape skip)

It's not a state of Kansas, this is Kansas and Oklahoma, just takes an hour to drive up there.

(Oh, when you said Kansas I was thinking you meant way out of the state.)

That's what I thought you understand, you know.

(But you meant Kansas, Oklahoma.)

Yeah--Takes about a hour.