

Well, Joe Coker was sheriff here for a long time. George Roach was sheriff for a long time. Zeke Parris was sheriff for a long time. Yes, there's more of them; you know, but I don't remember who all they was. That's been a long time ago. I was just a little boy, see, but them was---

(I guess they were good men though, weren't they?)

Oh, yeah; they were good men.

(Did you ever hear of that old man--Indian--Zeke Proctor.)

Oh, yeah.

(Was he a lawman or what was he?)

Thought about him a few years ago. He had a great-grandson over there.

I know that Zeke fella when I was about that high, just a little boy. He and my daddy was good friends.

(Yeah.)

And I was in a cafe one there and saw this man eating dinner one day. His name was Zeke Proctor, and that fella sitting over there eating went up to him, and he said, "Tom, you know that fella there?" I said, "No, I don't know him." Well, I didn't know him, but I know Zeke Proctor all right. He said, "You know what? That's old Zeke Proctor's great-grandson." "Hell, it is," I said, "I know him when I was just a little boy. He used to come there all the time. Him and my daddy was good friends." Zeke Parris, he was sheriff there too. He was Indian. Well, that fella told me, "Hey, Tommy, come down here." Gray-headed then, he was old as the hills, older than I was, I guess. "You ever hear tell of a man named Wilson Rider?" "Yes, I hear of him. My daddy talk about Wilson Rider a long time ago." "Well, they said, "this is Wilson Rider's boy."

(Well.)

WILSON RIDER AND ZEKE PROCTOR

He said, "Wilson Rider and old man Zeke Proctor was the best friends ever