

stomp dance up in Scraper Hollow. George Wright and Yoke Vann were there. A disturbance broke out and there was lots of shooting out in the blackness of the night. He said they laid down in the weeds and could hear the bullets cutting through the trees. After a while things returned to normal and the dance went on. No one seemed to know what happened or who did what. Such were some of the activities of that day.

One time he says the Indian Court had sent his father up in England Hollow to get Mose Crittenden for some offense committed. Mose was from up in the Chewey country, but was then down in the England Hollow country courting some Indian gal. Mose was found and arrested and was being brought into court, but they had to stop and stay all night by a spring. During the night someone threw a chopping axe at his father, the axe buried deep in a tree above his head. It was suspicioned that the axe belonged to one York Wright, but was never proved.

It was thought someone was trying to set Mose free. Mose told his father that he would not try to get away, so he was unbound and rode into the court location behind his dad on the horse.

Jake remembers when there was not much to Westville town where they used to go to trade. At that time Craig and Gibson had a little general store, and a man by name of Hodge ran a little store there. He says at that time they used to play baseball where main street is now. Before they had a store at Westville, Evansville or Stilwell were the nearest trading posts.

He recalls the early days when there would be Indian meetings often and he looked forward to going to the meetings held over on Tyner Creek, up on Peachater Creek, and in England Hollow. In those days travel was mostly by wagon. Now days, except for meetings at Green Church, they no longer go to meet friends and have stomp dances.