

Uh-huh.

(Now, it must have been some of that early Wallen family that started this little cemetery on top of the hill.)

Yes, over here.

(Yes, ma'am.)

Yes. Yes.

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(Well, that's an old, look like an old cemetery up there.)

It is. It's real old. I can remember my dad talking about that, early days, you know. They don't bury up there anymore, though.

(I don't see how they could. That's the rockiest place I ever saw.)

Oh, it's just deserted and the gravestones are turned over.

(Yes, ma'am.)

And trees have grown up through the graves. But you know they usually have a Easter Sunrise Service there.

(Well.)

The Bernice Church does.

(This would be ideal for that-)

Yes, it's the most ideal place around here that I know of for an Easter Sunrise Service. You can see everplace.

(What do you remember, Mrs. Bunch, about the early religious activities among the Cherokees along the river here? Did they have their own churches or meeting places?)

Well, no, not Indians. They just had meeting places here on this side with the whites and all, you know. And those that were, Indian families that were full-blood they met in their homes--

(Well.)

And had services. I remember my folks going to them. And used to take me along with them. I couldn't understand Cherokee, you know.

And so I'd get to wanting to get away.