

I don't know where I can lay my hands on those now. He paid--It cost fifty cents to get that permit to work him three day, I believe it was.

(Well)

So I'd taken that up at Muskogee one time in the courthouse. This Indian, he was my attorney. He had to work, you know. (rest of sentence not clear) He said "Let me see that license" So I showed that to somebody. He took it and went and got that old Cherokee Law book and he said, "By golly, its on the books."

(Well.)

If you hired a white man, you had to get a permit to work him.

(What time was that? Well, that would be before statehood, I guess.)

Yeah.

(Yeah.)

I saw that here. I might find it. Its here somewhere. Guess you know about the flood 1898.

(Well, done a lot of damage, did it?)

Huh?

(The flood done a lot of damage?)

Yeah. Done lot of damage. They had a big courtroom down at Vinita like we got now. We had a Masonic Hall. It was flooded, you know. Papa got in the boat. There's a place out here what we call Grist town. Used to be atown. And there's a store there like we on this side of the creek We got in there and he rowed that boat down to Webber Falls, and tied it up there.

(Well.)

(Static makes comment not clear) Of course that boat was an iron vessel.

(Yeah.)

My father handled all that kind of stuff in his book. When he passed away, my brother wasn't interested and he burned everything up he had. Good books,