

(Or was it up to the boys if they wanted to go to church?)

It was up to the boys, you know. Well, they generally required 'em to go to church. Told them they ought to go to church on Sunday mornings. Then we'd have on Sunday evening--we'd have a song service down in the chapel.

(Did the students get along pretty well with each other?)

Yeah, just like brothers. Just fight for each other.

(Little different relationship nowadays isn't it?)

Yea, sure is. Yes, sir, all those boys were just like brothers. Fight for one another.

AGE RANGE:

(Did they start with--how young were theyoungest ones? Do you remember?)

Start with frist grade?)

Oh, I suppose the youggest boys started there were eight or ten years old-- something like that.

(And the aldest ones were about how old?)

Oh, around twenty.

(Stay there till around twenty years old?)

Yeah, they could stay till they finished school if they wanted to.

BURNING DOWN OF SCHOOL:

(That old school burned down didn't it?)

Yeah, that burned down one Sunday while we were all in church in Talequah.

(It burned while you were there in school?)

Yeah. Uh-huh.

(Anybody lose their life there in the fire?)

No. Everybody was out safe. There were two that were left there that day on account of sickness. But they got out all right.

(Did you have hospital there with the school?)

They had a nurse and she always took care of the boys you know, and give 'em medicine.

Her name was Billingsly, I believe. Yeah, LAunt Dolly Billingsly. And she was a good