

And John married Quatie, a full-blood. His first children were Quatie's. Second wife, you remember, was a White woman, Stapler. But his full-blood, his full-blood wife, Quatie, I'd like to know more about Quatie. I wish some of you students would go into that field and come up with something about John Ross's first wife. Because I think she had the greatest influence that ultimately benefitted the Cherokee people, on that man's life than any other individual who ever lived. And you may say, "Well, Earl, you may be speculating about that." Well, suppose I am and the simple truth was, she was his wife. She mothered his first children, and it was while he was married to Quatie, the full-blood, that he suffered his worse slings and errors, that were hurled against him in the great effort of some of the leaders of the United States to carry out the great object of the government, namely to resettle the tribes, the southeastern tribes out here in this country; and caused them to give up their property in the eastern states. And you can read today the Journals of the American Congress and with your own eyes, your own brain, you can understand how terrible it was for John Ross to withstand the attacks that were made upon him, repeated attacks and it wasn't just a day. It was over a long period of years. Well, now, John could not have withstood what he underwent (not clear). She died on the trail out here at Little Rock, some of us have been to her grave. She's buried in, I think it's Mount Holly Cemetery. Near her, are the children of Father Mason in Oklahoma, Albert Pike. But I say, but for her fortitude, but for his love for her, his respect for her and what she stood for. She stood for the full-bloods, she was a full-blood. He was virtually a White Man.

You remember the story of, I believe it was Peter Hilderbrand, led one of the caravans from the East, came across the state of Illinois? The long bearded German, couldn't speak a word of English, the grandfather