

(The first time then, for thievery, they got twenty five lashes?)

Yes. For anything--stealin--or doing something like that.

(For any minor crime. The second time fifty lashes. The third time, a hundred lashes. And the fourth time it was a capital offense. Did they shoot--did they sentence many people to death in those days?)

Not too many.

(Where did these--where was the punishment given? I mean what part of the county" Did they punish--did the Light Horsemen punish them here, or did they have a court that assessed sentence?)

Most time it was at Wewoka. And they didn't have too many.

(They had court then, at Wewoka.)

Yeah.

(Who made up the court?)

Just us people, just like Indians and the whites. They had a certain number of men on the council.

(And then was the chief the judge of the court--the chief of the Seminoles?)

I suppose they had a hand in it.

(Mrs. Yeager, I've heard stories about there were times when a man would be sentenced to death, and would be turned loose and told to report back to Wewoka at a certain time. Do you know whether this ever happened or not?)

Yes, I've heard the Indians themselves say an Indian was never known to run away. They turn 'em loose and tell them to come back on a certain day, a certain year. And he knew he wouldn't be