

Nation. John Ross's brother, Lewis, gave his daughter, the Murrell House, as a present. Now, this was his brother that he gave his daughter the Murrell House, which is considered the Show Place. They said that the drive up to John Ross's new mansion that he built when he came over here was a half mile to a mile winding road with roses on each side so as a result, we have the name Rose Cottage. It was a show place of all the Nation and only one--probably, down in the Choctaw Nation matched it. John Ross was estimated to have between 200 and a thousand slaves at various times.

So we have the Cherokees arriving over here, and on the way, of course, they buried--they say practically it was a row of trail of white crosses to see the full blood Cherokee that died on the way. Now when they got over here? Where did the treaty party settle? All right, Elias Boudinot settled at Park Hill. Stand Watie and John Ridge and Major Ridge settled up out of Pryor and in that Cowskin area--creek up there, area. Now, that's where they settled. Now, where were the old settlers? The old settlers were all up and down the rivers and occupied the river bottom lands--certainly the choice lands; but the best thing to own in the Cherokee Nation at the time was the Saline; and the best Saline owned was the Grand Saline, which we call Salina. And, of course, you can guess at the time the old Chief's brother owned the Grand Saline. Now, if you owned the Grand Saline, you were going to be quite well healed as they say.

One of the first acts that they did when they came over here, they seized the Roger Saline, which he owned--John Ross through manipulation of the houses--seized the Grand Saline, and gave it to his brother. Well, of course, it was quite obvious, you would think a man would fight for his own property; but through intenuation insinuation innuendo, Rogers was told, "It would be more comfortable for you, Sir, to leave the country." And he left the country, including his mansion, his property, and all his belongings; and he cut out to parts unknown. Practically, all the old settlers left the Cherokee Nation. Now, the wildest of the Cherokees, who had been over here fled in the '20's to Texas and parts of Mexico and they asked for a division of