

line. Now, this is one of the controversies later on--was he killed in Arkansas? Of course, if he was, they would have jurisdiction--White people would have jurisdiction on these particular people. And there he was shot to death by assassins. Now, here's an interesting question that, I've always been the debate couch at the University--I've always pondered about these murders. If John Ross was so keen--as he was--and on top of everything, how would it be possible for 300 men to meet--a meeting that he had been to and hold a big conference, discuss all of these matters and to be completely unaware of this particular plotting and planning what was going on? Now, of course, over at Fort Gibson, was a very close friend of the treaty party--Gen. Arbuckle? Gen. Arbuckle detested the Ross faction. He detested them until his dying day; and as matter of fact, John Ross was so powerful later on that he even had Major Ar--I mean, Gen. Arbuckle removed from Fort Gibson and practically thrown out of the service, had him exiled to a little fort later on--in the latter part of his life.

So one of the legends goes, and I don't believe this legend at all. I'd like to because I'm a great admirer of Stand Watie. Stand Watie had a store near Park Hill. He heard about the murder of his brother, Elias Boutinot. Probably, some of you don't know how Boutinot and Watie could be brothers. Well, their names were O-Wa-Ke (?) originally. So Bro-O-Wa-Ke (?), Elias Boutinot, was given money by a philanthropist, the doctor to be schooled at Cornwall, (?) Connecticut. As an old custom among many Cherokees who have doctors if you asked Doctor Boutinot, he would say, "Thank you for education. I love you. I appreciate it. May I take your name?" So Elias Boutinot--really, Watie took the name of Elias Boutinot. And, of course, there's many Boutinots that were named after Watie. So, Stand Watie hearing about the murder of his brother came up to the porch, and there the crowd was beginning to gather to see the dead body. And he marched up to the so-called Ross group. He said, "I'll give 10,000 dollar reward if you'll tell me who killed my brother?" That's one of the stories, you know, possibly legend, I don't know.