

Society, and you know it exists today--you have the Night Hawks; and its very thrilling if you hadn't been to a Night Hawk meeting. The Night Hawks are situated over here, oh, 4 or 5 miles off the highway by old Tom Tuskie, and they meet--speaking to one of the Smiths--they meet once a month. And their big meeting is in July, and it is very thrilling to go back to see the full-bloods dancing--the old Night Hawks Society. We have here in town, of course, the--what's the other branch called--the United Band--something like that. --But this preaching from Reverend Jones's constantly speaking to the full-bloods--no slavery, no slavery, Whites, no, no slavery, and he got his point across. He slowly started indoctrinating these particular groups, and they formed a little society just before the Civil War called the Pins. Now the full-bloods were so poor he couldn't afford much more for an insignia--he couldn't buy an elaborate pin like, oh, the Knights of the Golden Circle could from the South but merely two little straight pins behind your lapel crossed. What was called the secret order of the pins--the Pin Indians. So this was coming up--1850, 1859, this secret group broke up, I mean, banded together, and they started dancing the Green Corn Dance and started meeting again quite regularly under the direction of Jones. Many historians say--and this to me was one of the most startling segments that I've ever seen--many people say that Reverend Evans Jones was the complete Chief of the Cherokee Nation between 1839 and 1866 when Ross died. That John Ross was a complete puppet of Reverend Evans Jones--many people say that, I don't know. So, we have here gathered on the horizon. The Cherokees--they didn't want to take any part in bickering going back. Well, the State had the right to nullify the Kansas, the Nebraska Act, the Fugitive Slave Act. They could care less. Of course, many of them owned slavery. Slaves, uh, most of the White People did--the mixed-breed did own slaves; and they were tilling their crops and raising cotton, and raising the crops at the time. They didn't want to become involved in this. Well, I think our first half is about up. We have brought with us a lot of documents from our collection, and this will probably be the last time we'll come over for some time. We would like for you to