

They owe them a great deal for that. I guess the easy religion at the time--and pardon me if you offense at this--and probably still is, is Methodist. And so, John Ross became a Methodist; and that was taboo at the time. You just didn't become a Methodist. You were a Presbyterian or you were a Meravian but not a Methodist, but John Ross became a Methodist. All right, let's pick up from where we left off.

Pre-Civil War, 1860. What were the states that bordered Cherokee Nation? To the North set Kansas, but this was an unpopulated part of Kansas. To the East, set the states of just a very tip of Missouri; that was the south tip of Missouri, and if you didn't know it in the Confederate flag--many people probably could not know--you can call out all the states in the Confederate flag, but the thirteenth star--and that's Missouri. They went ahead and decided to put it in because only twelve states physically and total defeated; but the thirteenth state was Missouri--capitol at Carthage, a wild capitol temporarily with the Neosho too. So, up in that particular area, we have Missouri--the southern part, slave holding. Kansas was unsettled. To the due east was Arkansas, and Arkansas was heavily populated at the time. Fayetteville was a large town of 900 people. Little Rock was a large town of several thousand people at the time. And it was a dark hard wouthern state all the way. And to the due south was the state of Texas, the big state of Texas--Cattle herd, prosperity, very very pro-South. And also, on the southeast tip was Louisiana; and, course, I don't have to tell about what Louisiana feelings were in regards to slavery. All right, what was the attitude of the Cherokees toward slavery? In the rich valleys which all the mixed Whites's owned, the full-bloods settled down in the bottom of the hills where you couldn't raise much good corn or wheat or some of those crops. But the mixed breed for some unknown reason always got the rich valleys along the river bottoms and raised the crops as so a result the mixed breeds had the slaves. Stand Watie had slaves, the Ridges had slaves, the Boudinots-- don't know---

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