

He started telling us about in the inter-between towns slaves. He said, "The slaves, the Indians--that had married and had children. Their children were sent to another town. He started calling up a town and he says, "Everybody living in that town is a Mulatta." I said, "Wait a minute, there's some of my friends." And, of course, if we called the town you would probably know the town. If you trace back to that town, he might be surprised of some of your heritage.

(Laughter.)

There are towns that Creeks set up such as Red Bird. Red Bird is one of those Mulatta towns. And for years as a little boy, we used to go out and eat at a bar-b-que joint in Muskogee. It was run by a colored man, and I grew up to be very fond of him. Any time I go through Muskogee, I stop and eat at what we call Archie's place. One time, I said, "Archie," and we--we're very close to Archie and I don't have any fear of any racial problem at all--said, "Archie, got a personal question to ask you. Are you part Indian?" He says, "That's right," he said, "my folks had to go to Red Bird 'cause," he says, "I'm a Mulatta." He says, "My mother was an Indian, and my father was a Negroid." And so as a result, after Civil War, he had these little communities set up all through the Creek Nation. Now, if there's a Mulatta town among the Cherokee Nation, I am not aware of it. There was not that much inter-marriage among the Cherokees. All right, so this disturbed the Cherokees very much that the run-a-way slaves were coming to the Cherokee Nation. They passed laws. They passed laws, but still they could not keep it down. And, finally, Vann's slaves had a mass revolt. And they ran away from big Vann house over in the Webbers Fall area, and they--hundreds of them--fled and so John Drew authorized by John Ross to draw up a regiment of men--one hundred men--and they chased run-a-way slaves and they caught them over in the panhandle. And they brought them back which is probably one of the biggest breakaways of slaves by their owners, probably in slavery history in the whole United States. And they severely punished them and, of course, I have a feeling they killed a few of them on the way back, accidentally. So slavery was very profitable. Uh, the White people could not till--till--their