

took his scalp. You got so mad at somebody and you were half-breed Indian or you were full-blood Indian--and you saw your enemy laying there wounded, what did you do? You reverted and you cut right along here and right back to here and took your teeth and you bit his scalp off--just like your ancestor did; and the Cherokees scalped at Battle of Pea Ridge. People say, "Didn't happened." She's shaking her head right here. But, just a minute, Stand Watie's were White--well, why People--most of them, mixed bloods who did the scalping. Albert Pike later on in a letter actually admitted, "I apologize for you General Curtis," 'cause he says, my Indians scalp". And so the tamed civilized educated Indians reverted in 1863, March the 7th and the 8th, they scalped the White Man. You know what the Cherokees said back?--"Always scalp the sheep (?), but what the heck? The Germans are scalping us in St. Louis, and the Germans scalped the Indians at that particular battle. So we have both people scalping each other. It became a pretty messy affair. It became a pretty controversial. And Pike apologized to General Curtis he says. That's right. So, if you've heard any controversy, it happened. The Cherokees scalped the White People at Pea Ridge.

All right, so the battle was a loss for the Confederates. They fled. They came back. This time, they came back to Park Hill and they said, "Mr. Ross, you are under arrest. Now, we pardon you. Do you want to go to flee the country?"

And Ross says, "Wait just a minute. Let me take the National treasury before I go." Mr. Ross got a little sack. I don't know how big a sack it was, but when they left Park Hill, John Ross took sacked--the Cherokee Nation, took 13 loads of valuable goods with them up North, and most of it never came back again. Part of that was the sacred belts of the whole secret to the history of the Cherokee Nation fled North. Ross took it with him--the sacred wampum belt. He took the whole treasury with him. And he left his brother here to feed the starving Cherokees and they continued to starve. So Ross went and spend the remainder of his years--first, in Washington, and then, he went to Philadelphia, and there they lived in the Mansion of his wife,