

We had them down there.

(Yeah; and on that gravestone, it says, "Born on Flat Creek, 1844, and died at Tahlequah, 1854," or something like that. So, it must have been a lot of Indians living there in that country at one time.)

Yeah, yeah, we, there was a family of Salteskee's lived down there just a little way from us. And they, oh, listen, when they started to school, it was pitiful, big old girls and big old boys, you know, in that school up there.

(By the way, were there any of the Tadpole family ever down in there?)

Yeah.

(There was?)

Yeah. Edgar Tadpole lived on the river there.

(Yeah.)

All his kids came up there to school.

(There's still some of that family down in there.)

Um-hum, and if you are ever down in there, I can tell you where they live. You go east and then--old Zeke Nightkiller, he was an old bachelor, never was married. He leased his land there.

(Old Nightkiller, huh?)

Zeke Nightkiller and his allotment up there was 160 acres. There wasn't a house, wasn't a well. My dad leased it, put a five year lease on it, just a verbal contract. Built a house and barn, cleared up a lot of the land.

He died. I think he had a neice or nephew or something over around Tahlequah over in there somewhere. Anyway, he went over there and died over there.

So, these neices and nephews got the land down there. Well, they didn't want to live there, so they sold it to my sister down here, the 160 acres. And so there's where we lived until my dad died and then we moved up here in 1903.