

INDIVIDUAL TREATY BETWEEN WICKLIFFES - U. S. GOVERNMENT

Tom had a treaty that should be put in the historical society.

It was the only treaty that I knew the government ever kept.

(Well, that would be something to see.)

Now, I tell you who might help you to see that. You know him real well. Do you know Frank Ross?

(No, but I can find him.)

He lives down here. You go to Jay. Anybody that lives down there can tell you.

(Frank Ross.)

Now they have, I think, they have a liquor store there at...Just down store, west of Grove. I think you go in back of the liquor store there. I think his wife runs it. Frank Ross.

(Yeah. That would be one document I'd like to see.)

Well, it was hanging up on his wall when he died. If it's still there or not, I don't know. Now, I didn't know Charley. But I knew John real well. Funny thing happened. Fella, he was a mean man, educated man kept wanting to meet John. He won't talk to you.

Said I'll go and talk with you--for you. So, went down there and I was standing there and I said, John. I said, you remember Sam Parks. I said, my mother was a Parks. I said, now, I've heard Sam talk about you. And so...You know, we just started off like that.

I'd go down there and visit with him. He told me all about that battle they had, you know, when they killed Gilstrap. Said, killed bird dog, good dogs. Killed good horse. Didn't say anything about the eighteen men he shot. First thing that happened Otis Kittle.

I know you've heard of the Kittles. Otis was about 6'4" or 6' tall like a bean pole. He heard that. And he got scared and running.

Went over there to some squatters there and bought a mother hubbard and put on to get out of there.