

they killed both of 'em. Right up there. you know where Lee's store is?

(Yeah.)

Just this side of that.

(Old man Fred Lee, yeah.)

Yeah. Just this side of that is where they killed em. People from Adair was so mad about them--doctor and this man shooting. Oh, shoot, said, they didn't intend to hurt anybody. Didn't bother anybody yet. They didn't have a bit of sense. They just killed anyone who asked for it.

(Has Vinita and Big Cabin escaped any robberies in it's growing up, any killings?)

Oh, there used to be a lot of killings up at Vinita, but no robberies.

See, here's something not generally known. They had a gentleman's agreement. Outlaws stayed on the east side of town and the law on the west side.

(Well no, that's something I'd never heard before.)

Lee Couch's dad and old man Ranger had a livery stable on the east side of the tracks up there. Rock building. Lord, the Daltons, James and all of 'em kept horses there. But they never went on the west side of the tracks. The law never went on the east side.

I guess the last killing to take place in Vinita was right there at where Bristow Insurance office is. Pollie Smart was killed. And he had a mean nigger, and this nigger went for him. Tried to pull a big knife on him. Pollie shot him and killed him. I guess the other killing that took place there. Railroad man found out his wife was stepping out on him. There where Carter's is--That old building burned down. Used to have bullet holes in it. This railroad man came along and had his wife there. Shot and killed her. Boarded a train. Went out and they never did catch him.