

That's right. I always believe that was the payroll.

(Yeah, if I found that stuff, it would be just as good now as it was then.)

Oh, lord. It would be worth a lot more.

(Probably all in gold.)

It was all in gold. They paid off in gold. That building right across from the Rexall Drug Store. Rock building was the first building built on the west side of the track by Tommy Thompson. That was where the hard money payment was made for the Cherokees. They paid out two and a half million dollars in silver and silver dollars.

(Silver dollars. Well. What year would that have been? About what year?)

Oh, I'd say about 1900. I couldn't tell you. I'd have to look it up. I could send for it. I don't know. I tell you who might be able to tell you the rest. Have you read Obe Campbell's --- Shawnee. Said when he was a young man, he was up right there where the Creek county bank used to be. Was a livery barn there. Said he went in there to get his horse and the outlaws come in on the west side. And the law came in on the east side of the barn.

They went to shooting there at each other. Said, you fellow, I just did my best to climb that wall, but I couldn't do it. He told me something I've often thought about. After he found out who I was.

See, him and my uncle, Tommy Thompson. My name is Thompson. It's not Thomas. See, I was named after Uncle Tommy Thomas. Name of Black Fox. But, anyway, he said, I sure worry about my people.

Said they forget the great spirit up there. Something is going to happen. Great Spirit punish you. You know when that tornado came through there. They was having a big encampment there, you know. The corn--greencorn dance. By golly, that tornado hit 'em and tore 'em up. Put a lot of 'em in the hospital. He foretold that.