

enough that old house has been empty for longest. Dust was about 2 inches deep on the floor. And where that old lady was standing on the door, there wasn't even no tracks there where she was standing. And the boys said, that old lady told us that girl had been dead 12 years. She's up here in this cemetery. She's got a purple tombstone. Let's go up there and see if that's true. So, they went up there. And when they stopped there at the gate, they looked way over there. There's a purple tombstone all different kind tombstone, different kinds of tombstone. But there was purple one way over yonder. That must be the one. 'Cause she said there was a purple tombstone. So, they walked over there. Writing on that tombstone, sure enough, she had been dead 12 years. When they got there that boy's coat was folded up just as nice and laid right by the side of that tombstone. He picked it up. And that girl--that girl out with 'em that night she'd been dead 12 years.

(It was a spirit wasn't it?)

(third voice) No, she's alive. (Laughter)

Now, I always said Indians tell spooky stories, but I thought that beat it all.

(Yeah, maybe it was true.)

Well, his coat was right there. Folded up just as nice. Laying right side of the tombstone. No, I didn't dream it. Might--it mighta ruin my sleep. Somebody be dreaming spooky.

(Having nightmare.)

I seen--I don't know whether it was one summer right after me and Emma was married. We didn't have no children then. It wasn't long after we was married there was going to be a Ringling Brother's show here at Muskogee. We lived down there at Brush Hill. We had buggy and team. I told her let's go, let's go to that show. It was in the summer, warm, so we drove to Checotah. They used to have livery stable there where you could put up your horses. Take care of them till get back. We left our team there at Checotah livery barn. We catch the train. We come up to Muskogee there. Ringling Brother's show was there. It was all, we'd--we attended that. Went to that. It started at 1 o'clock. We seen the show. After it was all over, went back to town and ate supper. It was in the summer and