

Wyoming. He hitch-hiked over there. And these people said, "Why don't you do something. Why don't you--?" I said, "I can't do nothing," I told them. "We don't know it. We don't know who all was there. And whoever was there, they're not going to come out and tell you who done it. Just let it go," I said. "The Lord knows all about it. Let him do his--punishment."

(What did they have against your boy?)

I don't know. I don't even know had--they wanted him to marry that girl. And you know she was married before and she used to get drunk and all that. And I think she killed her husband. I told him, "It's up to you. You got a wife yet, you haven't divorced from your wife." You know, his wife was Nina. He had four children, two girls and two boys.

#### MYRTLE'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

(Which Nina is that?)

Nina Howling Buffalo--used to be Howling Wolf, but when she married my boy she's a Howling Buffalo. Stella and Gina, Imogene. They live in Hammon. They used to live over here. And somehow she used to drink, you know. And she got away with a white man. He got away with her. Took her away and my boy was working. I guess he got some groceries and he come home and she wasn't there. Well, he went back to work the next day and he'd come home, and still she wasn't there. And his groceries--I guess he had some meat--I guess it just spoiled. Well, the third day he come home she didn't come home. So he heard his two little girls and two little boys were at Longdale. He came over here. "Say," he said, "My wife has been gone. That meat just spoiled and everything," he said. "She's been gone and I don't know where she is. Some man told me my kids are over there at Kate Osage's." So he went across there and this old lady, Kate told him and her and one of Kate's daughters, they're with white men. They went away. So when he come back well, he went out west to pull broom corn. And she come home. And she was afraid Tommy would do something