

HANGING OF SPADE SUNSHINE

(Let's see, the last murder trial at the courthouse was that of Spade Sunshine for the killing of the Creek Indian by the name of Creek Culley.) Now, my daddy knows about that.

(He was tried under W. N. Littlejohn, judge at that time.)

Yeah. Now, my daddy remembers that. My mother /static/ name of Johnson. Whenever he'd go to mentioning something to her, why then it'd come back, you know...

(Well, yes.)

So, she'd just...

(That's most interesting that there were also Creek Indians way over here in the Cherokee country according to this story. In the winter of 1887, a man lost his horse and went to a Creek Indian named Culley, who lived near what is now Gann. He was also a fortune teller. Culley told that Sunshine had stolen a horse. This made Sunshine mad and he went to Culley's home and killed the fortuneteller. Sunshine stood trial for the murder in the spring of 1898. Was convicted of murder and was sentenced to hang at Tahlequah. He escaped from jail. Went home where he stayed a while and went back and was hanged.)

VAGUE INFORMATION CONCERNING SEQUOYAH

--But the two ladies that lived there, And their father really helped lay...I mean they owned the land around in there that was first laid out. And either one of those two ladies now could give you... Now one of them don't care so much...she could tell you. But one of 'em really...they're old Choctaws. Nola Wilson and Mary Belle Zaroda. But this Nola Wilson, she's on a committee /not clear/ that they are going to have in Sulphur the 23rd. /not clear/ In fact, she knows a lot about Muldrow.

(Well, I'll see her.)

Nola Wilson. And she just lives right on the...oh, it's up north.