

the name of Merrial House he said, he was gonna go down there, and burnt it. They all said, that because, Merrial turn a traitor, you know. Course you not---not suppose talk about him. He's got a home by his father-in-law. Had his money, went in that home. Because his two daughters had (not clear) Course he had one daughter that he though of, the oldest daughter that married and died and she was just 30. Put up in that table up there in that pen, you know. You weren't along with us that day.

(No, a table?)

Yes, the monument is a marble table.

(Oh that's her grave?)

That's her grave. So the first grave that went in there, was her brother. Lewis Ross's son that just graduated from Princeton. And in June, he came home and was visiting his uncle. The Chief of Rose Cottage, and he took typhoid and pneumonia, and he was gonna build there. And when he saw he couldn't get well, his request was to be buried there. That was the first grave in 1841.

(The Ross cemetery?)

Ah-hum. That's the beginning. Here some of them says why isn't the chief in that pen and I said, he don't belong there. Him and his sister, and all of them. Mama and all of them I said, they all are across here. So John is old enough and Elizabeth put up a stone, on the far corners. You know, right straight north where the Chief used to live. I said he didn't belong in there. Lewis, just his family. And one of the girls use to be married to Nash, from Ft. Gibson, that's where the Nash came in. Ah-hum. So you got all to these from the university?

(University of Oklahoma?)

Of Oklahoma. One thing I would like to run down, of another thing that is Daddy shouldn't have never left. I should have never called his name, it was kinfolks. It was a picture of the casket of Chief John Ross, you see.