

But anyway, it isn't a big river now--from the way my uncle and them talked, it used to be a big river cause they used to go fishin there and get wagon loads of fish see and get big fish. And but anyway some Indians had or so they said, these Indians had gotten drunk and they killed a woman and some little kids and now Joe was a Indian boy that mama and I knew very well, I don't know what his last is--just Joe and this one of these Indian that was--what made it so bad on 'em was that one was half Negro and half Indian --and they were fightin' more the Negro then they were the Indian, see? And you know how people take a little bit and it'll be a little while and the heat goes up and mama said they were lotta whites were drunk, too, you know, and they was jest keep aggravating it on.

STORY ABOUT HER UNCLE:

Anyway, my uncle was one of these kind that he, didn't take much to get him off. He was like my father, he was high tempered, you know, and so anyway he got on big too and he was gonna along with 'em and they was gonna burn this--you can find this-- this is a record event--they burnt them down at the stake down here. What town was that near? I don't know what the town was but I know it was down south of here. You can go down and find it in the court records. You should find it in Oklahoma City. (You know what county it was in?)

No, but I think now then it was not to far, see Uncle Ben lived on the Blue River where they burnt this man, I don't remember. And some of those people come out of Ardmore, some these people did. I know it was in the country where they took him and boy they tied him to the stake and mana said they burnt him good. And my daddy knocked my uncle in the head--just knocked him cold with a club. You know, my daddy was a lot younger than my uncle, see and he wasn't you know, he had a weak heart. You know he couldn't fight and do things like my uncle did. So, that was the only thing he could do, so my uncle was drunk, so my dad, just picked up a club and bashed him and that's what saved him. Fifteen men, I think went to the penitentiary on that.

(This fellow that they burnt, was he the one that was half Negro and half Indian?)

Well, yes he was the one that was half Indian--now I don't really think that from what my mothe and father and them said about that, I don't think, actually he had any part in that.