

old uncle Billy Smallwood--they was the original settlers that we knew anything about. Old uncle Sammy used to work slaves up there in slavery time.

(Was he Indian or part Indian?)

Yeah. He was part Indian. And he worked slaves up there. And when we came here, where they had raised cotton and had left the land bedded, there was large timber--trees two foot through. And the beds was still there, you know, it never did level down, and showed where it had been cultivated up there. And there's a cemetery up there. There's a lot of people buried up there. And there was some gold hunters up there, one feller in particular. He got to spying around up there and my father-in-law lived on the place, and so, his old home place. And George Colbert, he was renting from George--and George told 'im, says, "You watch that cemetery." And says, "Anything goes wrong you do what ever you want to." Said, "I'm behind you." Said, "I don't know nothing' about it." And he hired the girls to go out there and clean it off every year. My wife and her daughter and her sister would go out there and clean the cemetery off. And old uncle Sammy must a been a great feller. And George was his son. And George--he settled down on the edge of the prairie. He had some nice holdings down there. After he got older and lost his wife, he moved to Antlers. And he finally married again and he lived in Antlers.

STORY ABOUT SMALLWOOD

(Was the Smallwood you remember--was he kin to the Chief?)

Kin to who?

(The Chief. There was a chief named Smallwood. Choctaw Chief.)

I don't know. He might a been. But he told Mr. Herman, my father-in-law, one day when they was talkin'--he was a very business old man--and he told 'im, he said, "When I first came here,"--he come from Mississippi or somewhere way back yonder--and he said the wild Indians got after 'im and said