

I believe there was just two of 'em burnt to death. Some of 'em jumped and they caught 'em. And crippled them up some. Said old Major went out and told 'em to jump. I guess the fire caught 'em before they got a place to--to a place that they could get out. It just happened wasn't none of Mr. Walker's boys that burned. Marvin, I believe was the only one that was in school then and so they all--it didn't catch none of them.

DEATH OF TUBBY WALKER AND FRIENDSHIP BEFORE HIS DEATH

Tubby died here a few years ago. And they had me and my brother Cass for honorary pall bearers. The funeral was at Hugo. And Mr. Schooler, W. E. Schooler, us three was honorary pall bearers. My brother-in-law and some others was the main pall bearers. They had a large crowd. They come from all around. You see he used to be foreman on the ranch for Dr. Miller a long time up at Miller and around in there. Doc had two or three ranches and they had him foreman over one of 'em. And he was pretty well known and well liked. He married a white woman. And she was all right but I always thought more of Tubby than I did her. He was a large tall feller. Good natured. My brother and him--Paris one time--used to go over to Paris in the fall, you know. Take cotton over there--the only market we had here then. No market here then. Tubby was grown large and my brother--he was just a kid--and he got into some trouble there with a boy. And they was about to bunch up on him and Tubby said he pulled him back and said, "Let the big Indian in there." (Laughter) And said that the boys broke and run. Tubby laughed about it and said, "You know, they don't like these big Indians much." (Laughter) I lived on old uncle Greene's place two years. The boys had jobs and was away from home a good deal. And I lived on his place there and rent. Me and him would have to do the brandin', you know--had a few cattle, didn't have many. Me and him would do the brandin', you know. And so, I had the habit when kicked one of mine in, you know, I'd say "Saw Peggy!" After a while--he talked funny, you know--