

EARLY HOME INHERITED FROM GRANDFATHER

(This is Boyce Timmons and it is August 18, 1967, and I'm at Old Wauhatchau, Cherokee County, and I'm at the home of Mrs. Lon Wilhite, which is located at Old Wauhatchau. And we're at the spot where the old general store used to be, and I've just toured an old log cabin that still has the old wooden pegs around the ceiling where they bored holes to put wooden pegs in to hold the logs together. And saw some real old items of Cherokee historical value and interest. And Mrs. Wilhite is a distant relative of my wife, Alice. I'm going to ask Mrs. Wilhite to tell us some of the things she's been telling us here this morning. Now Mrs. Wilhite, you were talking a minute ago of the history of this place here. Could you tell me some about it, as far back as you can remember, or some stories that your parent or grandparents told you.) Well, this place was bought by James Sanders for his daughter, and they gave it to her for a wedding present. And this is Old Wauhatchau. And is, far back as I can remember, that Willard Bates carried the mail, and, he carried it from Tahlequah to here at Old Wauhatchau, and to Evansville, Arkansas. And when he would come back through here, he would blow his horn up on the hill, to have his dinner ready, and his horse saddled, and he would go on to Tahlequah.

(You were also telling about--was it your grandmother, was here during the Civil War, and they had to leave?)

Yes, my aunt, lived here and--

(During the Civil War?)

During the Civil War, and she said that they--you can read that (extends a book). You read this--this is the Civil War.