

(Did the store have any kind of grinding mills or anything around here - besides the Old Bitting Springs? Is that the only grinding mill?)

They said they had the mill down there on the creek. But that was before my time.

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(Did they have many mission churches in here then?)

Ah, no. They had one at Willing, and they - we had a church down here - a Methodist church, and here was the home of the preacher. Here at Aunt Lucinda. She always took care of the preachers.

(For the church?)

Yeah, up-huh.

(Did you go to either one? Did you go to the seminary?)

Yes, I went to the female seminary for a little while.

(How much Cherokee are you? Do you know for sure?)

I got down, got down - Poppa put me down as half. He said they couldn't prove he wasn't full blood and - but he wasn't full-blood.

(You say you are 83 years old now?)

Yeah.

(83--)

No, 84.

(84?)

Yeah.

(You've seen a lot of things happen around here, haven't you?)

Yes. You know Ned Christie used to come here and rob the store?

● (Over here at this place? The Cherokee Outlaw?)

Yeah.

(Rob your father's store?)

No, my uncle's store.