

them. All the posse. So I did. I got over there and I got to talking to the fullbloods and met up with Jess Butler. He lived about a quarter of a mile from where Gilstrap was killed. So he told me the whole story. He said, "I went over there after the feller run in my house." He said, "I didn't know who it was. He said he just fell in at the door." Said, "We was eating breakfast." Said, "He fell in at the door and crawled under the bed." You know like full-bloods lived at that time. They had their bed in the front room, you know. He just crawled under the bed and he tried to get him under the bed out. Said he couldn't. Said, he told me, said, "All of 'ems killed. All of 'ems killed." 'Course he said he heard the shooting. Said he put on his coat and got out there and went up the path and said he came in sight of where the fighting took place. Said Sam Walker was still there but Dick and Harry - somebody had already took him away. Somebody had done come - said he went for somebody. He was in the undertaker business over here and he was deputized by Gilstrap to go over there. So ...

(That was about 1904, wasn't it?)

Yes. No. That was after that, I believe. I'm not for sure. I forget. I'm forgetful when it comes to that. I got to trace back. Get my memory gathered up. Then it'll come to me then. Anyway, Sam Wather was there yet and he was shot.

STORY OF HOW THE WICKLIFF BOYS BECAME OUTLAWS

(What was the cause of the shooting, do you remember?)

Well, the Wickliff boys - it was a long story. I went to the trial. I went over here to Muskogee when the old man took them down there. Give them a fair trial. They promised to give them a fair trial if he bring them down there and turn them over. So they did. They give 'em a fair trial. And here's how the story started. They - Charlie Wickliff was the overseer at a brush arbor, camp meeting. He was overseer - you know, just keep down confusion or anything might that takeplace. And he was lighting the torches up front, gasoline torches, up there at the pulpit. And someone hollered, "Gang fight" back in the dark, back there. It was dark. So