

him but--that's what happened there. Well, John, I guess, never did tell that. Well, there's a bunch of 'em during holidays--they'd pass by our house just whooping and hollering, goin' on. They went down there toward a big spring down there. Must've stopped down there somehow. And after a while they came back to the house. They wanted to know if Dad was at home. Mother told 'em "No. He is not at home." They wouldn't believe it, I guess. So, they just pounded that door and down it went. Right in--

(Broke it down?)

Broke it down. We had a pretty big fire in the fireplace. They set around that fire and warmed before they left. And so, after they left, why Dad didn't happen to be at home at that time and it's a good thing he wasn't. So, Frank Long was Marshal, U. S. Marshal, at that time and Dad told him what happened. Well, he said, "Just tell me who those guys are. Just swear out a warrant for 'em and I'll pick 'em up. We'll take 'em to court." Well, he told 'im who they were. Well, he was cleaning his six shooter.

(That was Bald Christie?)

Yes, Bald Christie. He was cleaning his six shooter. Gettin' it wiped out good, you know. He left the bullets in the cylinder and he had to put it to eye, you know, to look down the barrel and somehow or another it went off. He pulled it off. Shot him right in through the face here. Didn't kill 'im. I guess the bullet was in him when he died. I guess it was.

(Lonnie Wilhite and--?)

Lonnie? Well, Lonnie Wilhite married Katherine Wilhite and somehow or another, Katherine's boy didn't like Lonnie. They had a quarrel one time there at the house and so Lonnie got after George with a gun. Run him 'round the house, 'round the house time or two and shootin' at him a time