

had one down there, you know, about seven months ago. That's what it was. Jim

Belvin holds his meeting's. You know him I guess.

(I've met him. Is he still chief?)

Well, yes he's still chief. And he used to be kinda superintendent--I don't know whether he still holds that job or not. Do you know?

(No.)

He was town superintendent, you know--at Durant.

(I don't--)

And Ben Risen, you know him, Durant sheriff--

(Ben Ryan?)

Risen.

(Risen. I've heard the name but I don't really know him.)

He's my nephew.

(What--is he part Choctaw?)

Um-hum. Half.

(Know I know the--I heard, I don't know where--)

That was the (unin.) His brother lives over here in town. He--he's an old timer, too. Ben and all these old timers. They know pretty well everything that happened around here. And I got a sister that lives over here in town. If you want see her she can tell you an awful lot about the old timers. She's been around here a long time. She's been (unin.)

(Did--do you know where your parents were born?)

No, I don't. I don't think I ever did know. But--

(Well, you know there where different branches of Choctaws. Some of 'em from Kentucky and some of 'em from Louisiana. Some from Mississippi. And (unin.) Course some of l'em dead and moved away.

(What've you done since you lived here--? Did you used to farm pretty--)

I used to be a large operator.

(Cotton mainly?)

Cotton, peanuts; Corn, every little thing. Cattle, chicken, geese, turkey and everything else.