

JAIL AND COURT HOUSE:

(What was that old what at they called at old Mayhue, you mentioned while ago that a courthouse and a jail?)

Well, yes, well there was a settlement there. Used to be a post office. Two or three stores, you know. Courthouse and jail.

(Was that--do you remember, did they have a was this jail for both Indians and whites?)

Oh, anybody that had done anything interestin' to get 'em in there. Yes, they'd whup 'em. Out under the tree.

(That sounds like Choctaw. The tribal--)

Yeah-uhhuh. Two big men one get on one side of the tree and like that other one get on the other side. They'd hold 'em up against that tree. Hold on to their naked back.

(What did they whip 'em with?)

Switches. Yeah. I've seen am whip em. (unin)

(Guess that's been sometime ago?)

Oh yes, did you know any of the Leflores? Like Mike Leflore? He used to be one of the officers. Course they all dead. Been dead for years. Used to be one of the whippers too.

(They pay 'em. The whippers? That was an office they got paid for?)

Oh yeah. He mighta been a sheriff deputy sheriff.

(Did they ever hang anybody there?)

Well, they didn't hang anyone. That was the punishment they got, you know.

(Did you ever hear of Choctaws that didn't have jails?)

They had one over there.

(I guess that was back before that then--that they--)

Might have been.

(Yeah, that the didn't have jails. But that and see this might not be right.)

That jail over there. If you got in you couldn't get out. It was steel floors and steel walls and steel overhead. That's a real jail.
(Gonna keep it, I guess.)