

Well, I don't think they had nothing to do it that way. Of course one, if I was convicted, they, they was to do the executing, you know. Course they were told how many cuts (lashes) to give me, ah, ah, what my sentence was, you know, how many lick I was to get and son on.

(Mr. McIntosh, I've heard a lot of stories about, ah, people being, having the death sentence passed on them and then being allowed to go home and report back at a certain time. Do you know anything about that?)

Don't remember that. If they did, the Lighthorsemen carried them. Now when they arrest somebody, you, you was arrested, you was in the care of some of those Light^horsemen. They'd change hands with 'em, you know, until you're, whatever is to be done is done. Now, when they arrest somebody, you, you was arrested you was in the care of those lighthorseman. They'd change hands with 'em, you know, until you're, whatever is to be done is done. Now, you didn't get no, no, no bond, or nothing of that kind; no freedom of no kind.

(The Lighthorseman who arrested a person kept charge of him, took him home, probably, kept him in chains?)

Yeah, that's right. Say you was on the Lighthorse force, you'd keep him a maybe a moth. Well, the captain, then, would have you to change, turn him over to me. I'd keep him that long, until the court, til the court, you know, til they have a counsil.

(^how often did they have council?)

Les see, every three months.

(So three lighthorsemen, then, could keep a prisoner, each one would keep him for a month?)

Yes sir. Or maybe two weeks, something like that. You know, dey'd swap, hand around kinda rest a fellow like that, keep him. Now there was 14 bands and dey was two Lighthorsemen, then to every band.

(Twenty-eight lighthorsemen?)

Yes sir. There was two colored bands and theri was two colored Lighthorsemen to each one of those bands.