

up for it just like everybody else and went on out. But they expected to be robbed but they didn't take a penny. I never heard of 'em stealing a thing or taking a thing.

WICKLIFF BROTHERS BELIEVED IN POWER OF CONJURE

And I don't know--there's something about these Indians, you know on conjure. Now after Johnny Wickliff died his brother-in-law he made a trip with me once and showed me some things and Johnny had just died he tried to get me to go up to his place and get something as a keep sake, you know. I just neglected to do it. But he had some things that belonged to Johnny and he had something wrapped up--said, "This belonged to Johnny." Had it in his pocket and I said "What is that?" Said that is what he used to conjure with. And I said "Conjure?" He said "Yeah." I said "Well, what's inside of that package." He said, "Aw it's writing." I said, "What does it say?" He said "Well, I don't know." Said "It's in Cherokee." I said "Can't you read Cherokee?" He said, "Yeah. A little bit." I said, "Where did he get it?" He said, "It comes out of the Bible." Said, "It is through prayer and out of the Bible." But once I stayed all night with Tom--Tom Wickliff--when he lived up on Spavinaw, before Spavinaw lake was built. And he showed me where they had that biggest fight they had when Gilstrap was shot and two or three others. You could see it from where he lived upon a high point up there--evidently it was a backbone--said they had been running all day and anyhow, why I asked him--he said Switch Foreman stayed all night with me the night before I stayed and that day they went up there. I went up after some cattle. It rained all day long--gracious--and rained all night and next morning it was still raining. It was terrible. I didn't try to start back with my cattle day before 'cause it was raining so and next morning still raining. We were standing in the door and I said "Switch was up here?" And Switch was coming up for trial for shooting a fellow down here and I got to studying in my own mine "I wonder if you come up to have Tom conjure for him." (Laughter)