

had his first store in Hulbert and he when mama came from Arkansas and met, my papa and they got married in Arkansas, Van Buren, Arkansas, they come to Hulbert. That was before they alloted the Indians land you see, before statehood rather. And they come there and after they got their land well, Ben Hulbert he was part Cherokee, Ben Hulbert come down there and Hulbert vicinity and put him up a store. He was pretty well--he was part white man and part white man and part Cherokee and put him up a store. And he got so much trade there that that little store just kept a growing and there were several stores there and then he put him up a what you call this--where they fix horse shoes?

(Black smith ship?)

Black smith shop, he put one up there and that's the reason it's called Hulbert today. Old man Benjamin Hulbert and he's buried right down there in the Hulbert Cemetery today.

(Well, was the original town right there on the bank of Spring Creek?)

Yeah.

(And later moved up on the hill. When did Hulbert have a railroad?

Or did they ever have a railroad?)

As far as I can remember there was a railroad track as far back as I can remember. I'm 54 years old.

(When did it disappear or when did it abandon?)

Well it was abandoned I think it must have been about four years before we moved in Hulbert, moved in here about 24 years ago, I mean 22 years ago, And it--well there was just one train that came through there at noon and one at night. It come back through of a night and that's the reason they say there wasn't enough transportation