

what. I tried to tell the people all the way along. It isn't the color, nationality, or creed or anything there is about a man if he's a Christian he's a Christian regardless of what branch of church he belongs to, if he means well and does well and preaches the word of God. "Cause the Bible says don't forget the strangers because maybe as angels.

(What about services in early day Timsom Chapel or other cemeteries for funerals?) They just use the Bible. They used some scripture in the Bible. They'd always take a portion of scripture and read it and then they comment on it. To the living instead of preaching to the dead they preached to the living. Some does that now.

(Would that be at the graveside or--?)

In the log church. And then whenever the pall-bearers pick up the casket to carry it to the grave yard they used to have about two songs, that they would sing in the Cherokee language. They would sing from the time they start with the casket 'til they get to the grave. All of them gather around the grave, the singing stop. And then they have prayer. Have a few words of encouragement. If the man or woman had lived a moral life he wouldn't condemn him to hell. But they might be, it be God's judgment in the outcome. It's beyond their judgment. I've heard that too, in praying. They had no right to judge a person, unless it was somebody that was really a wild and wooley drunkard, mean hearted.

VERY FEW MEAN PEOPLE IN EARLY DAYS

(Did you have any what you call mean-hearted people in those days.)

Very few in our community. Very few. If it was, it was people that was pretty meek about it. You couldn't just go up and say well that fellow over there he's just what I call a wild and wooly mean man. You couldn't call him that, 'cause you didn't know him. If he was he went somewhere else and done it and then come back home. And that way it was God's judgment that he might be--might have been some good deeds as he did that bring about that time that Jesus spoke of, he gives you a cup of water to drink, money. I was going to take you out there