

if I could move that chair around, but I couldn't do it. I didn't get to go out to the graveyard at all anymore.

(That is Felix Downing. All his epitaph is in Cherokee and that is beautiful work.)

Yes sir. That was a bull blood German that done that. Come to Uncle Leonards' when Uncle Leonard was living. Seem like Uncle Henry was blessed with people coming to his place when he was in Muskogee. There was a man come to his place, his name was A. W. Church. He was a white man. He claimed that he was part Chippewa Indian. From Michigan. Nobody knew him. And he made liniments and salves, tonics. Made them himself. He must have been a doctor somewhere, sometime. Might have committed a crime somewhere too, you don't know. If he did, why he sure didn't let it out. He was awful good man. Seem like he was good and kind to everybody. But he stayed with Uncle Henry for several years. Gilbert's father and Mrs. Hamilton's father use to run a filling station down there. Mrs. Hamilton's daughter and her husband are running that filling station now.

PREPARATION FOR BURIAL

(When they had the burials of the full bloods, how did they dress them and prepare them for burial?)

Just with the best he had. They didn't put no finery on him. They made his own casket. There never were any caskets bought for them. I've helped make a casket for some of them. After I got big enough that I could help saw and hammer. I've helped several. Three or four of 'em was children, little infant children. I say infant children, little children that have died when they was babies. I've built some myself. Didn't have no one to help me.

(--built their own caskets for them and you were glad to help them?)

Yeah.

(Which ones were those do you remember?)

One of them was Coon. Their name was Coon. They lived up north there a little