

set right in there.

COMMUNITY OF ESTELLA WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE HELP OF BEAR TIMPSON

(Was that the community of Estella--was that established in the early days or was that fairly recent?)

it was--man by the name of Ben Smith, he's Bear Timpson's full brother--

(Yeah, full blood.)

Yeah, he preached under a brush arbor right there east of the chapel just about twenty feet. There's some big post oak trees that stand in front. Just between those post oak trees back east, was a brush arbor. That's where he preached under that brush arbor. Now they would hold meetings different houses. And on certain occasions that's where they would come and preach. And that was long before I was born.

(Well, did they have a trading post there at one time?)

No.

(It was just a meeting place then?)

Just a meeting place. See there were Methodist Christians when they came from Tennessee, that was, might as well say, they was the head of the people that come through from the promise that the government give them that this land will be theirs as long as the grass grows and the water runs and they would never be molested. If they would just come and take it over. That's what they were promised. But they broke every promise. There's not a promise that's gilt-edge nowhere. But when the Civil War broke out, they took Bear, he couldn't talk English at all. And they drafted them in the Southern Army and--

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