

Well, there must have been, cause they started me off to school, I guess I was about 6 or 7 years old. And Jackson Brown had this old store over here.

(Was it north or south of the Creek at that time?)

Creek line?'

(No, Wewoka Creek?)

South--

(Oh, it was where it was when it burned--)

Yeah, right there where the Security State Bank is now, down there on the corner.

That's where it was.

(You remember coming in--were they using script when you were a boy?)

Yeah, using script when I was a boy, using paper script. And they, sometimes they'd come in and borrow money from Jackson, and he'd give them this script. Then they'd have a payment, maybe two or three months, 'bout when they spend it, he figured they about done spend it, the script out, and then they'd give him a little payment and then they'd go in and pay it out, you see, and have a little money left, they'd have a little cash money left on there.

(But when they didn't have money he'd advance script for 'em--)

Advance script for 'em. And I can still remember seeing that old whipping tree.

I can remember seeing that, but I was quite a little boy, when they brought me to town, old whipping tree was standing over there by the court house, it was up then, standing on its own. That's where they whipped you--I wouldn't want them to whip me there! I wouldn't want me to whip me there. Well, I had this younger brother, Stewart, I was tellin' you about, Reynolds Stewart--he finally got hung in there and got whipped.

CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS:

(What they get him for?)

Stealing (laughter)

(You know, Mr. McIntosh told me that the biggest number of crimes around here was stealing.)

Stealing ponies.

(And he said he couldn't understand it because there was plenty to eat, plenty of