

before he could get away from the graveyard, here come a another dead. People just died like everything. In 1918.

Mrs. Shoals: Thomas Bettis used to come in and see us. (sentence not clear)  
Somebody told me, I don't know. Him and his wife is separated. I ain't seen Thomas Bettis now in a good while.

Garfield: Well, we talked with him the other day, comin' from Durant. Don't you know we caught him when walkin'. He was walkin'..  
(Walked from Durant?)

No, sir we was comin' from Durant.

(Oh, you were comin'.)

And he was comin' to his mailbox there side the road/ And so I said (not clear) He's....all right. He's just a. . . .

(Is he a Choctaw?)

Yeah. Fullblood. As small as he is all the time got the TB. No, he didn't. I don't care how small you are. You can be healthy. He didn't have no TB. Couldn't have. If he hada they a kept him up there at Talihina. He'd keep comin' up there. The doctor's there said he had it. They'd take him up there. Well, he'd slip off and come home. Well, they didn't come down there but maybe once or twice. You know he never did go back. And he never did com back ever that I know of.

("Bout how old is he?)

I guess he's about, let me see. He's about 25, about 30 or 40 years old. Now ain't he. 'Cause I remember when his daddy passed away. He was a little bitty fellow. At least 40 years old. That man walkin' around there just like everybody - and he's, oh, he's. . . forty years old.

(Did he have a family?)

Yes. He has a family. Thomas Bettis.

Mrs. Shoals: All his children married. And that other girl I don't know