

(Continuing with Mr. Hudson telling about running for chief. About what was the date?)

The date was, now I've forgotten that--

(Well, Will Durant was a chief you say--)

Was a chief before his death. He stayed there 'til he died. But I forgot now the date.

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But anyway, I told Bill that the indication was that I was goin' to be successful in my campaign for the chief, and I wanta know little more about the place out here. And he said, well, you got to live here. I said, I'm sorry but I believe that's gonna stop me from runnin'. I don't see anything in livin' up here, nothin' here. Our house, wife and I after we returned from Indian service, we found our house was all out of shape, rotted out, the roof was, all of it. Re-roofed that, the floor, and the porch was all rotted out. We fixed it up, modern, in every way. Our house, we didn't have any water in the house before, no sewage in the house before--we had it all fixed up. Now we come up here to Tuskahoma and live two years, that's alright, I didn't mind the two years, but we be in the same shape again. I'd rather take the chances of stayin' at home--not goin' to run. He say, well, Bill says, well, you got to live here. Alright. I'm sorry, I'm through. I'm just goin' home and stay at home. Which I did. Got beat of course, by 100 votes I think. So, that's what caused me to get beat, I think. Didn't want to live there, wouldn't live there. I used to live at Tuskahoma--my old home's there now. So I didn't want to go there. That's the cause of my defeat. And, I'm not, I mean Belvin is a good man... But, I don't know--

(He's been chief pretty good long time hasn't he?)

Long time, longer than any of 'em. Now, I don't know--