

that bottle?" "No sir." "Well, that's all. Then how do you swear that it was whiskey?" "Well, I don't know, but I didn't taste it." So, I asked the court--that's not a testimony...he didn't taste it...it could have been water or it could have been vinegar. I believe I'd questioned him too... I said what was in that bottle...might have talked to him about it. But anyhow... I said, "What was in that bottle?" "Vinegar, my wife was gonna can some fruit or somethin', I don't know, use the vinegar." That dismissed it. (Laughter)

#### WHIPPING IS USED AS PUNISHMENT OF LAW VIOLATORS

(You mean they would have whipped somebody for just bringing one bottle?)

Oh sure, that was it, one bottle--

(It was just against the law to bring it into the territory--)

Against the law--Choctaw law. Yes, you bet. One little bottle.

(What'd they do to them if they went across the line and really got full--what'd they do to them for being drunk?)

Well, they whipped some more--

(You ever see one of them whipped?)

Oh yeah, right there in court. I saw a nigger got whipped. I never heard such a hollering as he was makin'. As a rule Choctaws wouldn't say nothin', just grunt, by george, boy, pretty tough too.

(Pretty tough, but the Choctaws just took it)

Took it--

(What'd they whip them with?)

Little switch, and they don't just go way up, but they whip them like that, but it soon make a mark on your back. Yes, (other voice in background: Old nigger sure let it out didn't he?)

#### STORY OF ONE CONVICT WHO WAS SHOT FOR PUNISHMENT

(Did you ever see anyone shot?)

Only one. No, they tell you lots of things. Now Eagletown, there used