

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(I'm visiting with Walter Hale (July 22, 1968) a 96 year old of Cherokee ancestry. His home is at Rose, Oklahoma. Mr. Hale has spent all of his life in eastern Oklahoma and recalls many things of historical interest.)
22 years ago I sold out and come to Pryor, and I've been here ever since.

INCIDENTS OF SHOOTINGS - MUCH TROUBLE

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Just across the branch over there at Teehee, and John Colbert had shot Miss Sunday. But he come in the fore part of the night and wanted some cartridges. Old lady wouldn't let him have them. Well, she give me the key and I went down there, and he got a box of 44 cartridges, and he had, I know he had Tom's pistol, and it was a .38. Well, when they laid out... Tom Baggett washed him and laid him out. I hunted for his pistol and couldn't find it. And he was a sitting in the window a lookin' down, and Dave Riggs kicked in on the door. Well, I think he shot himself right here. His face was all specked with black powder.

(Yeah.)

And it lodged right up here. Well, after Tom Baggett was shot, Sampson Rogers run around and run up there, and there's some of the witnesses claim that he was the one that shot him. But he didn't do it. He shot himself. Hit his nose and his lip off there. And there wasn't no sign on him, only looked like there was a hole right here. And I don't know what it amounted to. And his lips.

(Yeah. Were they wild hogs?)

Oh no, no, they're tame hogs (not clear) Some of them belong to me and some of them belong to old what's his name? I'll tell you in a minute. Oh, that old Indian that lived right across over there. I jumped up that morning, who old John Colvert had come in and laid down beside us. He