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Recording time: 30 minutes

Informant: Walter O. Hale, 90 years old and of Cherokee decent. His home is in the Rose Community, Delaware County, Oklahoma, but has resided in a nursing home in Pryor for some while. He has spent all of his life in eastern Oklahoma.

Subject: Tells of men involved in shooting at the Old Saline Courthouse. Some were Tom Baggett, Dave Sunday, Sampson Rogers, John Calvert, Martin Rowe, Joe Teehee, et al.

Two stores were at Saline Courthouse at time of strip payment.

Mr. Hale claims some stories written about Saline Court House and events there are not true.

He operated wagon freighters in early days in this area. Southwest City, Mo. was nearest supply point, and it was a rough pioneer town.

His early boyhood was spent in Flint and Goingsnake District (Adair and Cherokee County).

His father married a cross-eyed woman (second wife). Tough and hard times on Caney Creek (Adair County) in his early days.

Hind game in Adair County in 1800s.

He was at Westville, I. when town established.

Hunted wild deer and turkey with cap and ball rifle.

Used buckeye to kill fish for food.

Jess Sunday was last sheriff in Saline District, and was killed at the Saline Courthouse.

Zeke Proctor and Tom Luck fight. Mose Aiverty killed.

recalls when second Saline Court House was still a new structure.

In Adair County the present Kansas City Southern RR was originally called "Split Log Railroad".

Early day stage coaches.

Bluie Dykes was a good Cherokee citizen.

"Roving Commissioners", early day "revenuers" infested area.

Nearly all men carried guns in early days.

Roads and travel in early days.