

It's not on our place now, it used to be. It's on Paddy's place--my brother. You didn't know him?

(No. I just knew of him.)

It was on his place, and he sold his place. It belongs to another fellow that own it now. It's running right now.

(Well, is that a salt well, and the one at Salina is about the only two in the country wasn't it?)

No, there's one down below Murphy's. But this well there never was no salt made. Up here they call it a lick. The reason we call it a lick because those cattle on there and lick the salt. There's one up there at Salina and one down here below Murphy's. Did you ever see one of those big salt beds?

(People come from all around just to boil the salt down there.)

Yeah, I don't know how they made it. It was back before my time, when they made salt. When I got old enough, well, of course they buy salt. Way back in the early days they made salt that they use.

(Were you related to either of the Mayes that were chiefs of the Cherokees?)

They was both my uncles. Joel was one of them, he's my uncle--and Samuel.

(Which was the older of the two?)

Joel. Joel was the oldest.

(Where were they raised?)

Well, they had places over here cross the river. I don't know where they was raised. I think they was raised--some of them come over here on that Trail of Tears. But Uncle Joel had a place right over across the river, here at the bridge. You know where the golf course is? Well part of that was his place. His place sits back this way up there in the camp. He had a beautiful home out there. And that's where he lived when he was chief. And Uncle Sam lived right west of Salina. And right on Highway 20 you can see his place