

that thing full.

#### GOING SNAKE COURTHOUSE

(Where was the old Going Snake Courthouse, Mr. Whitmire?)

You know where that little place they call Strawberry Spring is, up on 62?

Where we leave that little creek. Now right there is where it is on the other side of that little fillin' station was, whar a house sets off down thar a good ways from the road, there is where the old courthouse was.

(Well. Up at old Strawberry Springs. Well, it was, it took care of all the business around this part of the country in the early days, before statehood, didn't it?)

Tahlequah, capital of the State, Going Snake, they jest called this part out here Going Snake. Yeah, that old courthouse they got at Tahlequah's built way, -- I don't know when. Way 'fore statehood sometime, I don't know.

(How big of a building was that courthouse over there?)

Oh, it wasn't very big, as I recollect. I was a small boy when they tore it away. It wasn't too big. Had a little store at the side.

#### TAHLEQUAH AND FORT GIBSON IN EARLY DAYS

(What was Tahlequah like when you were a young man, was it --)

Ah, they's a few stores.

(Just a few stores.

It's sho been buildin' the last ten, twenty years. It's still a buildin'. They ain't got no factories of no kind. I don't know why so many people in there, but I guess that college keeps 'em up some way another. You can't --

(What was Fort Gibson like in the early days? Do you remember anything about it?)