

plumb down that hill. We went with him to help get the gun. We found the gun. It was pretty close to where he stopped. It landed against a tree down there. And they'd hit that old lady in the head and cut a gash across her above the ear there and they'd hit the old man over the cheek there, and I guess, probably broke that bone. And they was a bleedin and, so we got a neighbor up there. They old lady wouldn't talk United States language you know, they just talk Cerokee and they got to watchin, and had them girls a watchin. And when Charley come in why they beat it up there. She give'em the sign you know, they beat it up there and they knowed he was in the house somewheres and so they was gonna search the house and try to make'em tell where he was you know and they didn't do it. That was the second time the old man said, that they'd hit him over the head with their gun tryin to make'em tell, y'know. And "Hector", they sighted one of 'em, old Cap got his gun and got back behind and told the other boys, his deputy, to open that door. They had to kick it down y'know, was a cussin em, the old lady hollered at 'em and told'em don't you open that door. She talked to 'em then in English.

And when they opened the door why, the feller had a gun in his hand and Charley shot that gun out of his hand and the bullet went up that bone and come out elbow here, glanced off the gun, but he shot it out of their hand and Cap run (laugh). I guess Cap didn't want to kill'em. He'd dog tailed though. And that'us the way it started. Of course, the other boys would've helped Charley after they'd done their daddy and mammy that way. I told'em, I said "Well, Rafe, if you send me down there I says I'll sure help them.

(Well who was those marshalls then?)