

SEVENTEENTH ANECDOTE

Yeah, I guess we didn't have no sense. We threw at each others with firecrackers. They have big firecrackers them days. And those Roman candles, we chase each others with them. We live dangerous! Anyhow, Bill Achilta had one what they call--big firecracker. He didn't want nobody to pop it. He had it in the back of his hands, like that. And Crazy John said, "Hey, let's light it." He said, "No, I'm gonna save it!" Ray got behind him. Put the match on it. Boy--(claps his hands to make a loud noise)--it went off in his hand! Bust his hand up. Yeah, that's how rough it used to be. But we enjoyed it.

(What ever happened to Stecker?)

ALFRED'S RELATIVES AND APACHE CAMP AT BOONE

He died. He's got a bunch of children living. Nine or ten children. Alcohol. Wilber, Freddie, and Kate were brothers and sister. Wilber (Achilta) is the father of Bill Achilta and Carrie (Redbone) and Ward (Achilta). And Freddie (Achilta) is the father of Isabel and Stecker. And Kate is the mother of Houston (Klinekole) and Lilly and Aurelia. And on this other side (Old Man Achilta's other wife's descendants) is Henry Achilta. He's got one living--the one we call Juanita. The rest of them (Henry's children) all died. Then my mother--that's us. Old Man Achilta had two wives. Our grandmother lived on the west side of the house, and these other three--Wilber and Freddie and Kate--their mother lived on the other side of the house.

(Were you living close to Boone when you were going to school?)

Yeah. The history of myself and my parents--we were poor people.

When my grandma was living--my mother's mother--we lived in her home.

You know where Louise lives? It's right across the road--the house over there. That was my grandma's home. We lived there. That's where Ace was born. That's Maynahonah. When she died, we just got out and we lived in a wagon. For about seven or eight years, I guess, or maybe