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PART I

EARLY DAY TREATMENT OF PRISONERS

If they had any drunks, just chain him to a tree or herd 'em as far as that goes. But when they'd get a wagon load of prisoners, they'd take them on to Fort Smith from Tahlequah. They'd round them up, you know. Get on horses and ride all over the basin. My father was on the jury down at Fort Smith. My grandad.

(Well)

Jim Chester was the one that lived down here. But, and Miss Morris none-the-less, the one that died she said, she stayed over at the home.

(Yeah.)

My dad, he was buried down there at Double Springs.

(Yeah.)

ATTENDED SEVERAL DIFFERENT SCHOOLS

You haven't been to the Catholic graveyard? When I first started, I went to Baptist Mission when I first started at Tahlequah, you know.

(Oh Baptist Mission. What was--)

Then we moved out to the country and I got to going to Double Springs there. Then went to Haskell Institute. Then Male Seminary. That was after it was consolidated.

(Yeah.)

Then got married. Missed all of it. You were at Haskell for awhile, weren't you?

(Yes, I went to Haskell once. Ah, what was that Baptist Mission like? That was the one that was in Tahlequah, wasn't it?)