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This is Emmett Shelton of West Lake Hills, Texas, in November of 1989. During the past twenty years I have dictated some cassette tapes encompassing about everything I have done during my lifetime. I am preparing to give copies of these tapes to various libraries and institutions that might find them of some historical and humorous value and entertaining to their clients. This will be a resume of what these tapes contain. When these tapes are presented to these institutions they will be filed generally according to this index that I am about to list now. I will take the tapes up individually as they are filed in my cases.

AUSTIN NATIONAL BANK This tape will be of sixty minutes duration. It contains information about the Bank since its inception in about 1890 until the present date. It is just my recollections and, of course, is not all inclusive. However, anyone interested in the history of the Bank can use this as a start.

EARLY SOUTH AUSTIN 1 & 2 and 3 & 4 Each tape is of ninety minutes duration and will cover my recollections after having lived in South Austin from 1905 until about 1940. It will deal with the names and peoples that lived there during that period of time.

MY EARLY LIFE 1 & 2 and 3 & 4 Each tape is of sixty minutes duration. The historical value of these tapes is doubtful. However, I assure you, they will be humorous and entertaining. They cover the experiences I had in South Austin during my early life up until I was about twelve or thirteen years old. They will unfold the lifestyle of a poor to medium income family in the South Austin area during the years from 1900 to 1920.

SHELTON FAMILY HISTORY This tape is a ninety minute tape. It covers the members of my family from about 1800 until the present date. It could possibly be used as a model for others who wish to make an oral family tree.

POLITICS 1 & 2 and 3 & 4 These tapes are each of a sixty minute duration. They deal mainly with the politics of the San Antonio machine, the South Texas machine around the Rio Grande Valley from a time about 1915 or 1916 until about 1960. This entire discourse is of historical interest. It takes up the Lyndon Johnson elections, and others, that any student of Texas Politics would be interested in. Much of this is from my personal experiences and what is hearsay will be identified. These tapes should be considered along with the interviews I gave to Robert Caro who wrote the biography of Lyndon Johnson, entitled The Path to Power. The two tapes given to Mr. Caro will also be included in this collection.

LOCAL CONVENTIONS This tape is of sixty minute duration. This tape mainly deals with the early precinct conventions in South Austin, which I attended as a child, with my father and Mr. Simon Gillis and will be entertaining to say the least. It also includes some of the elections we had about the WPA times in the middle 1930s, and the information produced there cannot be found from any other source.

STATE CONVENTIONS This tape is of ninety minute duration. This tape has both historical and entertaining value. It begins with the convention about 1892 when Charles Culberson was first nominated to be Governor of Texas by the Democratic Party and goes into the conventions after Mrs. Ferguson was elected the second time, the O'Daniel convention, the two conventions during Governor Shivers term in 1952, the State Convention in San Antonio and the one in Amarillo, and practically all of this is from my personal observation and experience. It contains the incidences that happened behind the scenes and very little of what I say in these tapes has ever appeared in the media.

GAME DEPARTMENT TALES This tape is of sixty minute duration. When I first started practicing law in the early 1930s I was hired by the Game, Fish, and Oyster Commission at that time to do some legal work for them. This tape has historical value as well as entertaining value. It covers the period from about 1930 until probably 1940. Some of these tales were rather serious when they happened but they have mellowed with age and are cozy memories at this time.

The next group of tapes will have to do with my experiences during the last sixty years as a lawyer in Austin. I engaged in the general practice of law which included every phase of the law; criminal law, which included murder cases, robberies, and every other kind; domestic relations, divorces, damage suits, condemnation suits, suits in both trial and appellate, and it was my life, of course. In order to assist anyone who is interested in the individuals whom I speak of in these tapes, I will go through each of them, just mention the name, and the incident of which I speak. There will be repetitions, and I will call your attention to those as I get to them.

LAW TALES 1 & 2 This tape is of ninety minute duration. In order of their appearance, this tape is about the following people and incidents: Warren Moore will be the first lawyer. His practice covered the period from about 1900 to about 1950 perhaps. He was Prosecuting Attorney before 1910. He was one of the best trial lawyers I ever saw or had any experience with. What is said here about Warren Moore is worthy of anyone's time. Mr. Moore was a contemporary of Mr. Henry Faulk, Judge Calhoun, Judge Duval West, J. D. Moore, and many others, so this discourse about Mr. Warren Moore will necessarily take in these other names. Mr. W. T. Williams, whose son was later City Manager of

the City of Austin, and whose daughter was Mrs. Gary Bray, tried a suit with Mr. Warren Moore involving the Rabb property at Barton Springs. It is interesting. Tape No. 1 of this series ends with the mention of W. D. Hart, one of the partners of Hart, Patterson and Hart, and Tape No. 2 will start on a discourse on some of Mr. W. D. Hart's experiences. After Mr. Will Hart we will take up Harry Dolan. He was Judge in Williamson County, District Judge after he was District Attorney. He played football with the University of Texas in the teens, and he went overseas and fought in the First World War as an aviator. He is a very fine man and this discourse will be interesting to those who like fine men. My experiences with Judge Dolan are worthy of a separate tape on his biography. There were cases that I tried before him, both in Williamson County, Caldwell County, and Travis County, and they are mentioned in this discourse about him, and some of them are very interesting. My experiences with Harry Dolan carry all the way through Tape No. 2 and will continue into Tape No. 3 with his experiences at the convention at Beaumont when he was a delegate down there to the O'Daniel convention.

LAW TALES 3 & 4 The next lawyer I will discuss will be Senator T. H. McGregor. He was closely associated with Governor Ferguson, and as a matter of fact he ran on the ticket with Governor Ferguson when Governor Ferguson ran for the President of the United States and McGregor ran for Governor of the State of Texas. His experiences were in the 1920s and he was a very close personal friend of ours. He was very interesting. In conjunction with Senator McGregor, he helped me try a case that is mentioned in the Game, Fish, and Oyster Commission tape, when Bryan Blaylock as County Attorney filed a complaint against the Commission for eating game that was illegal. Sam Dickens is mentioned in this tape also. Senator McGregor represented him when they tried to disbar him from practicing law. This discourse goes into some of the law practice that Senator McGregor had with the Fergusons and is very interesting. The story is told here also about Judge James R. Hamilton who was a Criminal District Judge in Travis County in the 1920s and recites an incident where I tried a case before him and he told me about the time that the Ku Klux Klan tried to kill him, and my client was a long distance telephone operator and put him on to it. After Senator McGregor, I tell the story of the Coleman bank robbery where I represented John Newton, one of them, and it goes into detail and is quite an interesting story. The next legal character is Judge W. C. Linden from around San Saba. It is reputed that Lyndon Johnson was named after him, but they didn't spell it that way because Mrs. Johnson didn't like Judge Linden too well. He was a real fine man and he practiced law in San Antonio after he left San Saba, and I had the privilege of trying a case with him in the Federal District Court in the early 1930s. That will end Tape No. 3.

Tape No. 4 will begin with a story about Judge Linden and then will go on about some cases I had before Judge Duval West in the

early 1930s. The next tale will be a case I had in which I was associated with Mr. James Hart and Judge Wilson of Waco in a suit over some damages that my client, Lee Maners was being sued for, and it was interesting. The next topic is a case I had involving some land just west of the Capitol Building on Lavaca Street and I was helping Judge Ocie Speer try the case and Senator R. E. Cofer, John Cofer's father, was the attorney on the other side. It was a very interesting matchup, and it is interesting to hear. Both of those men were very famous characters. The case was tried before Judge W. F. Robertson when he was first appointed to the 126th District Court when it was first organized. The next story has to do with Judge Joe Sheehy when he was a Freshman at the University of Texas. He belonged to the same fraternity that I did and this tells about a party that we had out at our old fraternity house about 19th and West Avenue. The next story is about Judge George Dowell, and I call him Judge, he wasn't a judge, but I call him Judge, and he was a very fine friend of mine and George Dowell's father, who was a rambunctious old scoundrel in the early part of the century. This then goes into the story about when Clint Small, Jr. was in the University and he had a complaint filed against him for assault and my brother Polk represented him and his father, Senator Small was involved. The next is a case I had involving the burning down of the hotel in Longview and one of the Austin boys got hurt in jumping out of the three story window. I had the case and Angus Wynn was on the other side and it is a very interesting the way he handled this case after we filed a trial amendment and got his attention. We won the lawsuit, and Bryan Blaylock was helping me try the case over there. It involved damages and we got a verdict before a jury and Angus Wynn was on the other side, he is the father of Tody Wynn who now owns the Six Flags Over Texas. The next is a case I tried in Goldwaite involving a workmens' compensation case and it was tried before Judge Few Brewster who was District Judge at that time and from Temple, and he later became a member of the Supreme Court of Texas. It is a very interesting discourse. The next tale will be about Judge M. J. Raymond who was a County Judge in Laredo and a political boss down there when his son came to Austin and I was on the WPA Committee, and I took care of the boy and made friends with Judge Raymond, which turned out real fine later on. Judge Raymond helped me try a workmen's compensation case in Laredo later and it goes into that and how we won that without having to try it. The next is a case I had before Carl Wright Johnson in San Antonio. It involved the first case that was tried under the Texas Trust Act. Carl Wright was a big wheel in the machine in San Antonio and the case was being tried before Judge Quinn. Judge Quinn had been the Mayor of San Antonio and Carl Wright had helped to get him elected several times and I knew I was not going to win the case before the Judge, but I won it on the law because remarkable as it might be, Carl Wright Johnson had one of the biggest firms in San Antonio, one of the best ones, and they hadn't read the advance sheets knowing what the Texas Trust Act had done to the burden of proof and the Statute of Fraud. The next case is one that I tried in

the Federal Court. I was appointed by the Judge to represent an old boy for stealing an automobile and I won it in the Federal Court and it was before Judge Rice who was Federal District Judge here at that time. The next case is one I had for an old boy named Slim Byers, I think it was, anyway, for shooting Bill Suhr's brother-in-law in the tail with a gun right down on Congress Avenue and Third Street. Next is a story about Fred Ault and I think that I mentioned a while ago that when I tried his wife's divorce before Judge James R. Hamilton he reminded me or told me that she had put him in contact with two Ku Klux from Forth Worth and Austin who were discussing how they were going to produce his death. The next is my story about my representing a bunch of people who were bringing in liquor here just a little before it became legal. At one of the warehouses out on East Sixth, one of the keepers fired a pistol out there one night and the Constable was coming by and they had to come in and raid him and take all his beer away from him, which was quite a little bit, two or three truckloads. That will be the end of that tape, No. 4.

LAW TALES 5 & 6 These are miscellaneous law tales and I will just have to browse through this. The first story is about a poker game that took place in Lockhart between the District Attorney and the important citizens down there and one of the District Judges in San Antonio where the game was robbed and what happened. It was one of the typical high stake poker games and gambling games that took place in the various parts of Central Texas and the prominent gamblers would meet on occasion and gamble. This one got hijacked. Then there will be the story about the hophead or dope peddler or user that got caught in Austin and told us of some of his experiences about how he got dope and that was back in the early 30s so it was different than the way we have it now. The next will be the story about Judge Maxwell who was City Judge in Austin who presumed everybody was guilty until they were proven innocent. Next will be the story about Miss Edna Von Rosenberg who got caught with a traffic ticket and she had a case down at the City Hall in the City Court and the judge was Judge Daughtery at that time and it is rather interesting. It tells how I got her out of that because of a mistake the policeman made. Next is my experience representing and being the lawyer for Dr. Granberry and his son, Howard. For a number of years I represented them and the stories are interesting. The Granberrys were funneled to me by Judge Ike White who liked them but didn't especially care about their business. One of the cases I had for the Granberrys has a particular quirk with reference to Ralph Yarborough before 1945. The next will be some of my experiences with Mr. Will Hart. He was the senior partner in the firm of Hart, Patterson and Hart when I first started practicing law. Then there is an interesting story about a client that I had who was a boot-legger over on 13th Street just north of the Capitol named Fred Roos. The Rangers just watched for him and arrested him whenever they

wanted to, but this was an interesting story about how they kept Fred from going back to Germany with all the money he had made boot-legging by arresting him at the proper time. This has something to do with Frank Hamer. Then comes up my first case I had in 1928 which was an appeal case which was a boot-legging case from West Texas. It came down here and it tells about my filing my brief and getting the case reversed before the Court of Criminal Appeals. The next story about the first year I was practicing law, are some pleadings I filed in the District Court that I was highly complimented on and involved a real estate fraud case. There is an interesting tale about Judge Ira Hildebrand, who was Dean of the Law School when I was going to school out there and he filed a divorce petition of which he was not sure that was properly pled before the District Clerk and it is very interesting about what the deans know and what they don't know. A little interesting story about when Creekmore Fath came back from Washington to start to practice law and had him a divorce case. A divorce case, although a simple matter, did not jell for Creekmore. The next is about Gordon Fowler being caught on a running traffic violation in Dripping Springs, and how the Justice of the Peace tried the case in two parts, he had the State's witnesses come in first, and when the defendant got there to be tried, he had no witnesses against him, but the Judge found him guilty anyway. It didn't work. Another story about Judge Gates at Huntsville when he used to take his weekends off down to Houston is very interesting. The next case is about my bringing a suit in Houston, in Harris County, at least, to set aside the bond issue to put the tunnel under the ship channel, and it was a fraud case and it was rather interesting. The next is a story about a man whom I represented who beat the tables gambling at Las Vegas and flew into Austin and they had a warrant for his extradition back to Nevada and this tells how I got him out of it and he got away and John Ben Sheppard was Secretary of State at the time and it is an interesting maneuver. That would be the end of side No. 5.

Side No. 6 will take up part of this story about the Las Vegas gambler, being caught here in Austin and getting out of his extradition. The next story will be about some of my experiences in the East Texas oil fields when Sterling was Governor because Governor Moody had just gone out and he had gotten martial law declared in East Texas and we were friends with some Assistant Attorney Generals, the Attorney General and the Governor, so we had quite a little bit of business over in East Texas and this will be enlightening about how the hot oil business was run over there and how we got into some of it, and it also goes into my first office over in the Norwood Building and a little experience I had with Governor Moody and the first money he got hold of after he got out of the Governor's office. Also in East Texas, I had an experience with Captain Stanley who was head of the martial law over there and also R. J. McMurray Co. and some of the other little tidbits of showing how the hot oil was run and

something about the temper of the whole community over there during the period of the hot oil in the early 1930s. The next are some tales I will recite that we told at the class reunion of the classes of 1926, 27, and 28 Law School, about Judge Brewster from Ft. Worth, Percy Foreman, Bob Hamilton who was on the Supreme Court and others. They are some interesting tales that were told at our breakfast at the Bar Association meeting, and also some of the experiences my brother, Polk, and I had in helping Percy try cases here in Austin, and generally about Percy Foreman. The next is a tale of the experiences we had trying a murder case here in Austin that had been transferred from Dallas and Maury Hughes and his partner had brought down a helper to help try the case and it is an interesting story about how they would have these stooges poll the jury outside the venireman before they got in the jury box. Maury's partner was Ted Monroe. The next is about a damage suit we had in which a man was killed out at the Insane Asylum in an explosion and the adjuster overreached and got them to sign a release and we brought a suit to set the release aside and Bill Ryan of the Houston firm of Baker and Box represented the insurance company. It is an interesting experience about what happened with the jury and about how we raised the ante from about \$500.00 to \$10,00.00, which was a lot of money in those days. The next is a story about a damage suit that I had in Karnes City. It was a death case down there and R. H. Mercer of San Antonio represented the Maryland Casualty Company and Mr. Scarbrough of Kennedy helped me try the case. It was a case where the jury had about 50 special issues, one of which the jury changed before they answered, so then, of course, it was a mistrial. However, we got far enough along to settle the case. The next is a case I tried involving some land in Manchaca involving what we call the "meander line". I won it all the way to the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court reversed the law because the Justice didn't know what a "meander line" was. It is an interesting tale, but it does show that the Supreme Court does not know as much as the law annotators in the textbook reporter series did. The next is a case I had about the two Gammell boys who ran the Gammell Book Store and they were indicted for stealing Legislative Session Acts out of the Capitol and it involved Frank Hamer and one of his friends and Mrs. McCallum and the Secretary of State. They made a very bad mistake and we won the case. The next is a story about one of the first cases I had from Haskell County. This is a repetition of what I said about Judge Bruce Bryant a while ago. The next incident will be the trial we had associated with Gillis Johnson of Fort Worth and it involved a vacancy or something to do with the Yates Oil Pool in West Texas. Polk and I helped Gillis--we represented the Ohio Oil Company in the lawsuit. Following this, I had a little incident with Tiny Gooch when he was a senior in the Law School at the University of Texas and he got caught on a liquor violation in San Marcos, which was very bad at that time. I represented him and he was not indicted. This will be the last incident on this side of the tape.

LAW TALES 7 & 8 This tape will mainly deal with the incidents that happened in the House and Senate in the Texas Legislature with a few isolated incidences interposed. Tape No. 7 will begin with an incident that I had with a friend, Rip Collins, who was a lobbyist from Dallas for the Lone Star Gas Co., when we met up in the Legislature way back in the 1930s. It gives a good idea of what just a casual onlooker would think of the Legislature in session. The next incident will be when I gave Coke Stevenson a pistol while he was Speaker of the House of Representatives. It was a pistol I got from John Newton who had robbed the Coleman Bank in the middle 30s and when Coke was Speaker of the House of Representatives. I delivered this pistol in a paper bag walking right down the middle of the aisle of the House of Representatives, and it is interesting. The next will be a story about some of the experiences I had with Lt. Governor Edgar Witt, who was Lt. Governor when Mrs. Ferguson was elected the last time in 1932. Then will come the story about the senatorial race when Senator A. E. Wood of Granger was our State Senator and John Hornsby ran against him and beat him. The next will be a story about Governor Pat Neff. The next will be a very interesting story about Mr. Alfred Petsch when he was Representative from Fredericksburg. Then there will be a story about Eugene Giles when he was elected to the Legislature from Austin and he ran against newspaperman Victor Machet, and Mrs. Clopton, who was manager of the Austin Hotel at the time, and it was during prohibition when this took place. Then will follow a sequence of events that I had and experiences that I had with Senator Bill Moore from Bryan, Texas. He was the Dean of the Senate when he quit. This will be followed by a story about what we called Senator Cooke. She was an Old Maid, a self-appointed lobbyist and rather eccentric, and she lived out around the University neighborhood, and she would come down and stay in the legislative hall so much in her spare time, and she had nothing but spare time, and she was called "Senator Cooke". I had a case involving her will in which she left her property to the University Baptist Church rather than to her Old Maid sister. The will contest of Senator Cooke's will was the first trial my brother Edgar had when he started practicing law. Governor Moody was on the other side on the case. Then will come a story about General Albert Sidney Burleson, who was our Congressman when Woodrow Wilson was elected President and he became Postmaster General of the United States at the behest of Col. E. M. House, who lived on West Avenue. Next will come a story about J. M. (Jim) West of Houston, who was appointed to the State Highway Commission by Pappy O'Daniel when he became Governor and the Senate refused to confirm him, and this tells about what Mr. West did to rid himself of this Senate stigma. It goes into some of Governor O'Daniel's antics and particularly some of the experiences I had with O. P. Lockhart who O'Daniel put on the Board of Insurance Commissioners. The next will be some of my experiences in the practicing of law with a Dr. Granberry and his son, Howard. The next will be about the Quisenberry Family. Dr. Quisenberry was a veterinarian, one of the very first ones in Austin, and when his

wife died, I represented part of the family in the contest of the will because she left her property to the Altaheim (an old German women's home) and I represented her son and daughter in the contest of this will. Governor Moody was on the other side in this case. I was talking about the Granberry experience I had when the tape turned over to No. 8, so when you turn over to No. 8, you will have part of the Granberry case and go into the Quisenberry case.

Tape No. 8 then tells of the case I had for a lady named Ethel Duncan, who was a sooth-sayer or a fortune teller and worked for Hiram Reed in Harlingen, Texas, where Hiram had a radio station, but they broadcast over in Mexico. But it is an interesting question, this woman got rich answering questions for \$1.00 a piece. She got most of the mail in Harlingen when she was on the air. The next will be a case that Polk and I had for a Dr. Roundtree, here in Austin. He had invented some sort of salt or feed for sheep and goats and he got rich off of it. His office was right downtown and he had some sort of trouble with some of the boys at Bee Cave and it made an interesting story. The next will be a case I had for Dr. Spangler. He was a veterinarian and he had a place on North Guadalupe Street and we had a suit about a nuisance, so to speak, about what his animals were doing and how they were disturbing the people next door. They were running a tourist lodge. I put this in because I beat Jay Brown and Jack Sparks in this case. The next will be another case I had against the Brown firm which I won and that involved the title to a piece of land just north of St. Stephens School now. My clients had a piece of land that fronted the lake there and the man that was running the Stewart Title and Guaranty Company had some land just north of it and he was claiming an easement across my people's land. Well, he didn't win it, and I won it on a question of law, and the Brown firm was on the other side from me. The next tale will be about Mr. Henry Radam's estate. Mr. Henry Radam owned about 300 acres of land that straddled what is now Ben White Boulevard and his land ran when I was a little boy and when I started practicing law, all the way from South Congress Avenue over to the railroad tracks westerly or to St. Elmo, and he had no sons, but he had two daughters, one of them was Mrs. Birkner and one of them was Mrs. Henry Todd. I represented both of these ladies and it makes for good listening. Next is a short tale, a quickie, about the man who was District Judge and handled a divorce case when Mrs. Cone in Lubbock in the 1950's and I were sitting in the courtroom one day, and this judge was sitting on the bench and this is something that happened that would be quite interesting. It shows you the possible IQ of a District Judge as of those days and probably as of now. And probably of the Supreme Court as of now. The next will be stories, a repetition, about our experiences with the McMurray Oil Company during the hot oil boom during the 1930s in East Texas, and something to do with how the Attorney General handled his responsibilities in that matter. The Attorney General was Bill McCraw. Next is a story about a case Polk and I handled as assistants to Jerry

Sadler. It was settled at the behest of Tom Clark who later became Attorney General of the United States and became a member of the Supreme Court of the United States. It is not a happy situation. The next is a case that I had involving a fire in a hotel in Longview, and it is a repetition. Some Austin boys were there on the top floor when they had the fire, and they jumped out the window and got hurt. Next is a tale about the experience my friend, J. W. Boggus had becoming Superintendent of Schools down in George West, Texas. This is followed with one about my friend and also my football teammate John Coers when he was Superintendent of Schools down in Orange Field, Texas. He had a suit involving the school down there and of course he didn't have any money to pay a lawyer so he got me to come down there and represent him. This was the first year or so that I started practicing. I got about what I was worth. While I was in Orange Field, there was a very interesting thing that took place with reference to Mr. Lutcher Stark, the multi-millionaire who owned the Stark Industries down there, and he got on the jury panel. This story is about Stark's cousin, who was District Judge and would not let him off jury service so he could take a trip to Europe. There was some bad blood between the families. The next tale is a case I had for J. D. Krause, who ran the Light Krust Bakery in South Austin and he was sued for an infringement by the Burris Mill and Elevator Company and Governor Dan Moody represented the other side. It is an interesting case. Then I go into J. D. Krause's experiences in having a fight with one of the newspaper reporters who were neighbors with them. The newspaper man was Neal Douglass. Someone may be interested in Neal Douglass's background. The next is my experience representing Mildred Wicks, who was a revival preacher in the 50s when she came into my office. The next is a tale about my friend Will Grumbles from Dripping Springs holding the jury on a liquor case in San Marcos, he hung it, and he came up and bragged to Poppa about it. It is very interesting. That will be the last case on that tape.

In reading this resume, you will see that I have duplicated several cases during this discourse.

HOMICIDES 1 & 2, 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 Each of these tapes will be of ninety minute duration. Some of these may be repetitious of some of the experiences I had in my Law Tales tapes, but very few of them will be. The first tape will have to do with my father's early homicides. I will try to go through these in rapid order and not be too verbose on it, but it will give any prospective listeners a chance to pick out such incidences that they would care to listen to. The introductory to this tape will be some personal references to my father, who was recognized as one of the most successful criminal lawyers in the State of Texas at the time of his practice. He died in 1928, the year I graduated from the University of Texas Law School. The first case will be that of my Grandfather, who was named James K. Polk

Shelton. He lived in Belton at the time I am going to talk about. He was involved in a feud that resulted after several men were hung or shot being taken out of the Bell County Jail in the late 1870s. Several of the members of this mob starting disappearing at night, and the finger pointed toward my Grandfather. They had enough circumstantial evidence on him to indict him in one of the cases. That will be the first case that I will talk about. The next incident in this tape will be that of one of the Young boys who was indicted in Williamson County for killing a little girl, a very vicious murder, and it happened to be the last man that was hung publicly in Texas. It happened about 1903, somewhere along in there. The information I have came from my father and Mr. Dewitt Bowmer, who was a young man, and young boy, really, in Williamson County, and saw all of this incident. It is a very interesting case. The next homicide will be that of a man killed by Albert Brust out on Evergreen Street after I was going to Law School. Albert was not indicted on account of it, anyway, that will be the next case. The next two homicides were committed the same night, the shots were fired the same night, by John Teague, and it happened in South Austin about the middle teens because I was at home and my father got a call when John did it, but anyway, John Teague killed John Guest, who was a saloon operator on South Congress at Monroe Street and then running off to hide he shot the Deputy Constable on South First Street, who later died. There will be the murder cases of John Teague who my father prosecuted when he was County Attorney, the Prosecuting Attorney, and several years later after John had gotten out of the penitentiary I represented him in another case which was assault with attempt to murder. The next homicide will be that of when my Uncle Crawford Greer was killed by a black man who was attempting a burglary at his place, and it was a case where Dan Moody then was District Attorney and prosecuted the case. Mr. O. Dickens represented the black man. It resulted in a mistrial. Then in about 1923 or 24 a parade took place in Bellville, Texas between the Ku Klux Klan and the Sheriff. They had a pitched battle down there and several men got killed. They couldn't try the case there, so they transferred them to Travis County, Bell County, or maybe Williamson County to be tried. Dan Moody was District Attorney and he prosecuted them. My father helped prosecute these cases. Dan Moody got enough publicity out of these state-wide to where he managed to run for Attorney General after his term as District Attorney and got elected on the strength of the publicity he got out of these cases. Judge Charlie Kreager out of Bellville helped to prosecute these cases, too, and he was later appointed by Governor Ferguson to be a member of the Commission of Appeals. Tape No. 1 will end as these experiences are told and we will start Tape No. 2 with part of the Bellville murder cases and the Ku Klux Klan.

At the beginning of Tape No. 2 after discussing the Bellville murders, I go into the question about where my father himself received a threatening letter from the Klan and Poppa went to the Ku Klux Hall, and there was a man named Peeler Clayton killed

down there that night. That was a very interesting situation because the Sheltons got involved, Earl and Poppa got involved against the Ku Klux Klan in Austin and as result of Peeler Clayton being killed when the Klan thought he was my father, makes it very interesting. In this discourse I take up the conversation I had with Greasy John Sneed, a black man, who came up from Luling, to offer his services to Poppa to start killing the Ku Klux here in Austin. Greasy had been lucky enough to marry into the Merriweather fortune from the discovery of oil in the Luling oil fields. The next incident will be the John K. Ross murder case. His wife and her paramour were accused of killing John K. Ross who lived on South Congress Avenue and was engaged in bootlegging, but they were friends of ours. My father was hired to prosecute this, and the case was finally moved to Hays County in San Marcos where the trial was held. The next incident will be the murder case where Rev. J. Frank Norris, from Fort Worth, was indicted for killing a man in his church up there and they couldn't try it in Fort Worth, so they moved it to Austin, and my father was hired to help prosecute. It was of nation-wide interest, it got a lot of publicity. J. Frank Norris was one of the first radio preachers and he made quite a little bit of money in Fort Worth and it was a famous case on account of that. The next is a case where Zach Neville was accused of murder. He lived in South Austin and the facts will speak for themselves. The next will be a case in which my father tried one of the Booth boys who lived in Haskell, Texas, and he killed a man up there and Mr. Bud Booth who was a neighbor of ours out in South Austin hired Poppa to go up to Haskell and Poppa defended the Booth boy and he cleared him. The next will be a recitation of my father when he was District Attorney in the late teens, about 1917 or 18, and Jessie Wilson's father, who had been a peace officer here in Austin was killed on Congress Avenue about 10th Street, and he was a rather famous man here in Austin. The next case will be that in which Lupe Laguna was accused of killing a man down on Fifth Street or Sixth Street and East Avenue, IH 35 now, and Lupe was one of our boys, and Poppa got him out of it. Some of the dialogue will cast reflection upon the manner in which Mexican cases were tried in those days. The next case will be the one in which Old Man Pond who lived out in South Austin on either South First Street or somewhere in that area, was killed by his son. Jim Pond had to kill his Daddy because he was so mean. He did not get indicted for it, and we represented him. The next story is about a Mr. Wesley Boatright who killed a man out in where Highland Park West is now, it was a cornfield at that time, in the middle teens, and Wesley went to the penitentiary on a plea of guilty. Daddy prosecuted him, and he went down for a long time. Anyway, about 15 years later, after Mrs. Ferguson was elected the second time, I got him a pardon. This is an interesting story about what he did after he was pardoned. That will be the end of my father's experiences.

The first murder case I had when I started practicing law was for a man named Frank Posten. He killed a man named Rueben

Hollingworth, out where Jollyville now is located, right in the middle of Austin almost. The case was tried and had a mistrial to start with because of an error made by the Judge on the first day of the trial, and then we reversed it and it was sent down to Lockhart for a retrial and never was tried down there. The next homicide will be that of Cal Yarbrough. He was indicted in Bell County for killing his own daughter up there in a terrible accident, and Mr. Dewitt Bowmer represented him and the case was transferred to Austin and Mr. Bowmer asked me to help him try the case which I did, and it was the most interesting murder case, maybe of any case, that I ever had. It was the beginning of an association I had with the Bowmer Family that lasted for several years, a very beautiful relationship so far as legal affairs were concerned. While reciting the Yarbrough case, Tape No. 2 will end and we will start with the finish of it as Tape No. 3 begins.

Tape No. 3 will continue with the next case of Earl Short, one of my dearest friends. Earl was bootlegging in the early part of my practice and he shot an old boy out at Hoopers Switch, right in the middle of Highland Park West now, he went out to sell a little whiskey at a country dance one night, and he had an altercation with a man who owned the house, and he shot him in self defense and I got Earl out of that. The next will be the tale about Sonny Ross, who killed a man who lived in South Austin. Sonny was going with the man's wife, and I represented Sonny. He had to take 5 years in the penitentiary for shooting the man. The next case will be when Ernest Thurman was shot by Albert Brust. This was the second time that Albert appears in the scene as the shooter instead of the shootee, and he killed a young boy on Evergreen Street. Albert was the stepfather of Ernest Thurman and they had a little altercation out on the Bee Cave Road about where the Episcopal Church is located and Ernest shot Albert in the night, and Albert turned around and shot him and killed him. The next will be when John Daywood killed his brother-in-law, and the interesting part is Jake Petmecky was on the jury and we knew he was involved in self-defense, and when we agreed to take a suspended sentence for John, Mr. Petmecky came by and told us we were making a mistake and that our client should have killed every son-of-a-bitch out there. The man was Mr. Petmecky. We knew that was the way he felt. The next is George Hunt's son killed a fellow. They were black, and George was a very close friend of ours and worked in the Legislature for a long time and was probably one of the best thought-of black men in East Austin at that time and now. Anyway, we got the little boy off with a suspended sentence by having character witnesses like Coke Stevenson to come and speak for it. Then the next case will be, without mentioning names, one of my policeman friends here in Austin's sister had to kill her husband in Corpus Christi and Mr. Todd who was the District Attorney there at that time and was a good friend of mine, and we went over the facts with him and he saw that she wasn't indicted. I had another case in Corpus Christi, one of my cousins named Hinton ran a sandwich

shop in Kingsville and he had to kill a fellow who came in there and was fighting him in his place and I got ahold of Mr. Todd down there, and he said "I think he will be no-billed" which he was. The next one will be an incident where Blondie and Curly Wright stomped an old boy in such a way that he died out at the Elm Grove Lodge here right off the Bee Cave Road where the school is now and Polk and I prosecuted them and both of them went to the penitentiary. We didn't lose their friendship over that, however, we were prosecuting them at the insistence of Bill Suhr who was the brother-in-law of the one that was killed. The next time Curly Wright killed somebody it was down in Bastrop County many years later after he had gotten out of the penitentiary and he had justifiable circumstances. They called me and I went down to Bastrop and talked to the District Attorney and they let Curly go before the Grand Jury and Curly was no-billed in that one, because it was a clear case of self-defense, the man was coming in Curly's house. The next case will be about where a man fought a veterinarian who was running around with his wife, and he coaxed him to come out and look at some of his animals and when he saw the veterinarian crawling through the fence on his hands and knees he hit him on the head with a hammer and killed him. I got him out with fifty years. It was cold-blooded murder. The next will be the case of Tom Carpenter. He killed his wife in a fit of rage and jealousy because he thought she was running around with another man. He had to go to the penitentiary for it. I represented him and it is very interesting what happened in the walls after he got there. The next one will be the case about T. J. Collins when he was killed up on the Bee Cave Road. He married Mattie Collins and he killed his step-daughter, and then her husband killed him. Then I start off, but don't quite finish the case of Pick-Handle Slim who I represented for killing a black man by hitting him in the head with a billiard cue. This will go on to side No. 4.

Side No. 4 then mentions the case of Landis Smith of the Smith Brothers, who had a garage down on Congress Ave. and he was involved in a homicide case and I represented him. Then I recite about being hired by Bob Marshall when he killed Mr. Armstrong, and I just mention it in passing, although it is not very interesting. Then I mention a killing a boy named Kanetsky did, out on Highway 81 on Williamson Creek at Club 81, and I cleared him. Then I tell about Jessie Teague being indicted for hitting a wino on the head with a bottle down under a bridge and he got out of it. The next is a case I had for an old boy who lived here in Austin and he was accused of killing a night watchman down at Waelder, Texas, I think it was, and he and Blackie Hart were supposed to be down there, and they got a forced confession out of him and the District Attorney at Seguin would not use it, and he was not indicted. The next case is about a black man here in Austin who was a roofer and worked for the Buass boys and they found his wife's body cut up in a trunk up in the attic and we got in touch with him before he made a confession and we got him a short term in the penitentiary for that. The next will be a

case about a man named Pickle who had a fistfight out on the Guadalupe side of the County Courthouse. He hit his brother-in-law who was a court reporter, and knocked him down and he broke his skull on the sidewalk. He was not indicted for it. I do think I represented him and he paid a fine for aggravated assault. The next will be a case about Mrs. Wells who was accused and was filed on for killing one of her boyfriends who was living in her house on north Guadalupe Street. She punched him in the chest with a knife and accidentally killed him. Well, I got her out of that. The next will be the two cases of Jackie Wheeler who lived out at Oak Hill and Convict Hill. He owned property there, his Daddy did, way back yonder. He was out rabbit hunting one day and he came in and heard some scuffling on his back porch and he saw one of his neighbors having intercourse with his wife on the floor. He shot and killed them both. Then his brother, Jodie, killed an old boy that he thought was a turkey, and I got him out on an aggravated assault because it was an accidental homicide anyway. That will be the end of Side 4.

TAPE NO. 5 & 6 The first case will be one that my brother, Polk tried. A man named Byers was a former Texas Ranger, and he moved to Austin and he killed a young man that was going with his daughter. I do not remember the outcome of the trial. The next is a case that I had Paul Holt try. A black man killed another at the Doris Miller Auditorium in East Austin. The next is a case that Percy Foreman had transferred up from Houston. It was a Mafia-type murder and Polk and I helped him pick the jury and try the case. We got a hung jury on it. The next is a case that Maury Hughes and Ted Monroe had transferred down from Dallas. We helped them pick the jury and try the case. It was a murder case and there was a little question about how to pick the jury. The next is a case that I didn't try, but Polk did. A boy named Dillard killed Tom Davis, Jr., and he got off of it because it was a matter of self-defense. The next is a case I assisted Polk in --Dr. Roper killed Will Crow. Dr. Roper was convicted, although the killing took place in Dr. Roper's home and it was a drunken brawl. The next case will be a negligent homicide case against a boy named Darter who worked for the Austin American. He was traveling north on South Congress Ave. just across from the Deaf School and he lost control of his car and killed a child over on the east side. He was indicted and we got him a suspended sentence. The next will be about a black man from Bastrop who was indicted for killing his wife, but they couldn't find the body and they couldn't try him, but he got indicted, and the Sheriff let him take the truth serum and he cleared himself, so they dismissed the indictment. Later on, he came in and confessed that he did it, and the Sheriff refused to believe him. Polk had a case that terminated rather extremely. A rather prominent rancher and his son in Burnet County killed one of their neighbors, and they made bond and before they went to trial they both disappeared and they never have been seen or heard of since. Then we had a case where Tom, who was a local gambler, a

nephew of Tom Connally, killed a man. He was invited to leave town, which he did and he went to San Antnoio and opened up a nightclub and did real well. Then there was the crime where Jack Duval was killed in a shoehine parlor on Seventh Street at the Driskill Hotel and there was some shooting taking place and it was an interesting incident, and we represented one of the people there who might have been partially involved. The next is a case that I was employed in where one of my friends out in South Austin, David Moore, killed one of my other friends, Bill Pruett, fussing over a woman, and David didn't get indicted for it. The next is a case where little Polk helped me try, Spot Collins' nephew killed his wife under rather strange circumstances and Polk was able to get him a suspended sentence and it is an interesting case. That is the end of side No. 5.

Tape No. 6 starts with another case Polk and Reynolds Shelton had involving a narcotics deal where one of our cousins in Dripping Springs killed a black man in San Marcos. There were three defendants and it was an interesting case. The next was a homicide that took place as a result of a DWI and a little girl was killed in a accident out in southeast Austin and we represented the man involved in that wreck. I don't know whether he took a plea of guilty or not but he went to the penitentiary. One of the most interesting homicides I had was a man who was involved in a mercy killing. A woman here in Austin was an osteopath named Stroman, and she prevailed upon her husband to shoot her to take her out of her misery and he did so, and this is very interesting because his sister was for years and years the secretary to the most famous criminal lawyer in the United States, Clarence Darrow of Chicago. She came down to see me to represent him and he got into the insane asylum and it was the proper judgment. The next will be recitations about the time Ike Young was sent to the Federal penitentiary for conspiracy to kill a Prohibition Agent and then about his brother, Bruce Young, who killed his brother, and I got him out of jail long enough the day after the killing to go to the funeral of his brother whom he had killed two nights before. That will be the end of Side No. 6 of Homicides.

PRISON TALES - 60 minute tape. It cannot be better explained than by just saying that it is stories about some of the people that I have represented and tales that I have heard that have happened in the Travis County Jail and in the Texas Penitentiary. The tenure of this tape is well explained in the beginning of it when I say an old adage, "Stone walls do not a prison make, Bah! what Tommy-Rot; They may not make a prison, but they help an awful lot".

GAMBLERS -a 45 minute tape. It has a lot to do with the gamblers here in Austin and over the State in the 1930s and maybe before that and up to the present date, and it is just what it says, it is about the gamblers, and some of them who were taken by the gamblers.

NEGRO TALES - a 90 minute tape. These are mainly about cases I had and those that I have heard of and has some historical value along with an entertainment value. In some of my collections I have Negro Tales divided into two one-hour tapes. and the explanation about what they contain is the same as if they were the 90 minute tape.

CEDAR CHOPPERS 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 What I consider the most popular tapes I have ever made. Each is an hour tape. They have to do with the people who lived in the West Lake Hills area from about 1900 to the present day. Most of it is from my own experiences and it has both historical interest and has some humor and they are entertaining.

PENINSULA HISTORY - a 90 minute tape. The Peninsula is generally described as being North of Bee Creek, West of Lake Austin and the Tom Miller Dam all the way up to where you get to the Roy Ranch and it includes the Roy Ranch, and then back up Buzzard's Holler or Devil's Holler back to the Bee Cave Road, then down the Bee Cave Road to St. Stephens School, then down Bee Creek to the point of beginning. This history will take in segments of time all the way back to the original land grants on this area. It includes the Wild Basin area, and has historical significance. It includes the Roy Ranch, it includes land along Toro Canyon Road and most of the West Lake Hills area that lies north of Bee Creek. It encompasses both personal mention of people and also of the land itself, and the different segments of the land and the development of it, perhaps the history of the streets since most of this land I either owned or had the opportunity to own, I became cognizant of its location and value back about 1930. This tape could probably be considered the original overall tale of the entire history of this area up to and including the 1980s.

WEST LAKE LAND HISTORY. This is a series of three tapes--two being 90 minute tapes (1 and 2, and 3 and 4), and one sixty-minute tape (5 and 6). These tapes of the West Lake area land history will include probably all of the Eanes School area except that which lies South of Barton Creek. It will be bounded on the West by the road that is known as the Commons Ford Road, on the East by the Dellana Ranch, and on the North by the Peninsula and on the south by Barton Creek. There will necessarily be some reference to the families and the people who lived on this land, but will mainly deal with the history of the land itself.

Tape No. 1 of this series will take up something about the history of the Chambers Survey and Mr. T. J. Chambers himself. This tape discusses generally some of the other land grants like the William Brown, the David Thomas, the Gray and Trammell, and the other surveys in the Peninsula area, and even goes back into when Mr. Chambers was here and some of the Mexican land grants which the last one going west was the H. P. Hill League, the west

side of which was on the west side of the Tom Miller Dam. It mentions the activities of the Cedar Choppers who came over in the 1870s to get railroad ties from the cedar trees on the west bank which is now the peninsula and they were carted back across the river which was then not dammed, and it goes into the construction of Lake McDonald when the McDonald Dam was built in 1891 or 1892. It gives a brief mention of the Charlie Gray Survey which is the land where the television towers are mostly located now and originally belonged to the Charles Thiele family. It mentions the history of what is now called the Davenport Ranch which originally belonged to the William Walsh family of Round Rock. I make a short appraisal of Mrs. O. H. Davenport who bought the place from the Walsh people although I have a special tape on her and she is worthy of one. It mentions Mrs. Davenport's sale of the place to a man named DeWitt Langford who because of his inherent nature of sharp trading was here today and gone tomorrow. I mention the early history of the Roy Ranch which is the Antonio Rodriguez Survey where the St. Stephens School is now located and the original development that took place there during the Lake McDonald era and the area around St. Stephens was then called the Chautauqua Grounds. It was a development put on by Mr. Gammell who owned the Gammell Book Store back in those early days. I take up my relations with the two Roy girls, Miss Addie and Jessie Roy leading up to my purchase, along with a few partners, of the Roy Ranch that lay north of the Bee Cave Road. Tape No. 1 runs out when I am talking about my deal with the Roy Girls.

Tape No. 2 will continue with that project. As a part of the Roy Ranch History, we take up the initial beginning of the St. Stephens School when Bishop Hines came in and bought the land from the owners there where the St. Stephens School is now located. Then in passing I mention the Fowler Ranch which was west of the Roy Ranch and the Fowler Family was raised there. Then I mention the Herbert Allen place which was a ranch on the south side of the Colorado River where the Austin Lake Estates is now located. I went up there about 1919 and waded across the river and didn't get water over my knees. It was also known in that area as the Hudson Bend as the Hudson Family lived on the bluffs on the north side of the Colorado River then. I tell about Oswald Wolf who was a member of the City Council of Austin and was a merchant here with his brother Charles down on East Fifth Street. He accumulated what was then known as the Seven Oaks Ranch, a part was the Teague land, and I don't know who he got the other land from but most of it was on the north side of the Bee Cave Road and ran on down to the river on the north. Then we jump over to the south side of the Bee Cave Road about where the Teague Ranch was where the old Brewton Springs School was and tell about the Lawrence Family and I purchased some land from the Lawrence Family there that is well developed right now. But we called it "Turkey Foot". Then I come on easterly on the south side of the Bee Cave Road and we come to the Thurman Hill which I purchased for one dollar an acre from Ernest Thurman. I

mention the 500 acres; more or less, that the Roy Girls owned and the two Issac Perkins Surveys that ran from the Bee Cave Road southerly to Barton Creek, then continuing easterly along the Bee Cave Road. I tell about the land that I purchased from Mrs. McNamara in 1929 or 1930, 139 acres where the County Line Cafe is now located. I mention the land on the south side of the Bee Cave Road as I go along where Knollwood is now located. I tell about the building of the old Moose Head Lodge is 1930 by me where the County Line Cafe is now located. Then I talk about the Lee Brown Land, about fifty acres more less on the south side of Bee Cave Road where Knollwood is and where the Episcopal Church is now located. I do mention the moving of the cemetery from the top of the Brown Mountain up there on down to where the church is now located, and they didn't find any bones to put in it, and it is an interesting story and I tell it again in my Cedar Choppers tapes. Then I go into the history of the Marshall Ranch which was on both sides of the Bee Cave Road just east of where Loop 360 now goes through. I tell about a partition suit I had representing Dan Marshall, the oldest one of the Marshall boys and the other Marshall heirs when Mr. and Mrs. Marshall died. I mention Loop 360 as it came through land that I got from the Marshall partition suit and I tell about my acquaintance with Emmett Porter and Tops Porter who were in the insurance business and became personal friends of mine because of an incident involving a fire at the old Moose Head Lodge, and they built the first building in West Lake Hills where their home was up on Red Bud Trail north of the Bee Cave Road that was fashioned by an architect. Then I tell about my beginning of Red Bud Trail which was part of the land that the Marshalls sold when they made the Porter deal, and that was the beginning of Red Bud Trail off of the Bee Cave Road and that was the west end of Red Bud Trail and I built that to get to my land which lay about three or four hundred yards north of Bee Cave Road at that time. I tell a few stories about John Marshall who was a very colorful character and wanted to be in politics and every time the family got a little money he borrowed it from them so he could run for office, none of which he ever won. Then the ranch that lies east of the Marshall Ranch, about where most of West Lake Hills business interest lies today, was the location of an auction sale of the land in the middle 30s and Mr. D. C. Clark auctioned these lots off and it is quite a little story about how the purchasers got together and lowered the values to where they could afford to buy them. Where the Eanes School is now located right off of Camp Craft Road was a part of this auction, and I was on the School Board and we condemned one of those lots to use for the school. Jack Stableford was also a member of the School Board at that time as was I think Bailey Beard or Freddie Bulian. That will be the end of Tape No. 2.

Tape No. 3 will take up where we were talking about the condemnation of a piece of land where we put the Eanes Elementary School. At the time the school had no money and we did not want to issue any bonds and so the only way we could pay for this land

was by having bingo games, which we had quite often until we got it paid for. On the north side of the Bee Cave Road just east of this ranch was a ridge that lies just up and back of where they are putting in the new Tom Thumb store now, and east of the Bulian property. Dr. Shipp used to live up there and so did Jack Stableford. There was an old Black man and his wife who lived there before 1930 when I first came out here and she was the midwife for all the children born in this area, and she was the only doctor out here and she brought most of the Short children into the world. Then I go into the Dellana ranch which was on both sides of the Bee Cave Road and just east of where Walsh-Tartilton Road turns off to the south and included all Rollingwood which was part of the Dellana Ranch, but in my tape on the people of West Lake Hills I go into detail and give better facts about the Dellana Family so the facts that I give here can be brushed aside. They are not exactly right, but the ones that I do give in the tape on the latter part of Tape No. 2 of the People of West Lake Hills, that comes from Charles Dellana, Jr. who I talked to about six months ago. Then I mention generally the two Hatley boys, A. B. and George, they were brothers, and they bought some land with a Mr. Ewing, I think. It was Bluffington and Rollingwood and maybe the Ewing Addition. They bought it from the Dellanas. I just mention them in passing because I know very little about it. However, there might be a little statement that might be interesting there about how the partners in Bluffington divided their lots and I represented one of the partners, Dolly Bryant, and Stanley Hornsby represented A. B. Hatley and we had a drawing of these lots at Mr. E. G. Kingsberry's behest. That is a interesting tale. Then I pass over next the land that I bought that did not front on Bee Cave Road, but it was land that laid along Red Bud Trail, and Wild Basin and in that area, that I purchased in 1936, and some land down on Bee Creek that I got from the Gracys and I got some from the San Antonio Loan and Trust Company who were Trustees for the estate of Mr. George W. Brackenridge, on land that had been left to his niece and she left it her daughter which was the grandniece, whom I bought the land from. It makes for interesting listening. I mention the fact that I was financed in some of these deals by Mr. Henry Wendlandt and his brothers who took a fancy to me and they found out that I was going to make some money and they made quite a little bit too, and we have been lifelong friends by them buying some of my notes when I would sell land. I mention the fact of what I think was the hideout of Ben Thompson when he was City Marshal of Austin or was gambling in Austin and did something mean and had to hide, he would come out and hide on Little Bee Creek just upstream from Big Bee Creek. There was a spring there and we believe that that is where he did some of his hiding till things cooled off in town. I tell about my purchase of what was called the Stroter Land, the 200 acres that is just west of the Tom Miller Dam and runs up the mountain where Nob Hill Circle is. I bought that in 1939 from the heirs who lived in Galveston, and it included the dam site for the Tom Miller Dam, and all of Bee Creek for a mile

back from the mouth of it from the lake. I do mention the fact that in 1939 or 1938 my friend, Lyndon Johnson, who was then in Congress nudged me into buying all the land up and down the lake that I could on the supposition that Mr. Harry Hopkins who was taking over the WPA work for the President Roosevelt that he was going to do some things to these lakes and make them very valuable. Well, he did, but it was a long term investment instead of a ninety-day investment like I had to borrow. I held on to some. Then I mention the purchase of the James Tract, which is 150 acres where the filtration plant is now, and Red Bird Trail runs through the middle of it going down toward the Low Water Bridge which is now named the Emmett Shelton Bridge. I acted as a stooge for the City of Austin to buy it from Mr. James. It is an interesting tale. I tell about a sale that I made to Mr. Jessie Jones of Houston on part of the Stroter land and he let Paul Wakefield who was one of his young boys who he had put up in business, take what is now called Corn Pone Lodge in his name, telling Paul that if he, Mr. Jones, ever wanted the land Paul could deed it to him. Mr. Jones never wanted the land. Then I tell the story of how I acquired what is called the Pierce Land, 110 acres that straddles West Lake Drive and comes along Rocky River Road. I brought a suit to get title to that and I got part of the land for it and the County then built West Lake Drive from Bee Cave Road northerly. I finish off Tape No. 3 with the Pierce land.

Tape No. 4 continues with the trade I had with the City of Austin by them giving me 17 acres on the west side of what is now Little Bee Creek including where the filling station and where the firehall and all that land is, they gave me that more or less as a bonus in this trade on the James tract because it was on the wrong side of the creek and they saw no possibility of ever having access to it. I tell some interesting tales of how I tried to sell the mountain where Nob Hill Circle is now before I ever had a road to it and I impugned upon one of the partners and Brown and Root and finally got Professor MacCorkle who later became a member of City Council of Austin to buy it and he held the land for 15 or 20 years and made 50% a year on his investment. I tell about the progress of building West Lake Drive from the Bee Cave Road northerly to where it is now located, but we called it the Yacht Club Road at that time because that was the only thing of any consequence that was on the lake and it was later changed by some other people during the 1940s. I think it was Mr. Bradshaw who originated the name of West Lake Drive. It may have been someone else. I mention the little controversy which Fred Larson and I had about where our boundary lines was once we built West Lake Drive over to his property, then we had to do a little nudging to make him give part of the right-of-way. There was some interesting stories about Mr. Perry Patterson and his wife who were looking for land at that time and he was head of the Government Department at the University of Texas, and as a matter of fact, Professor MacCorkle was an understudy to Professor Patterson in the Government

Department at the time he bought and he did so because Professor Patterson put him on to it. I mention the ten acre tract of land that was up where Old Stonehedge is located and about how I found it. There was an old rock wall around it, and I used these rocks to make where Lake Austin Inn was located down at the mouth of Bee Creek and Lake Austin on the north side. We moved these rocks and I built a boat house down there and I never had anybody to use them. We just lost that investment. It cost me \$500.00 to clear the title to the 10 acres of land up there where Old Stonehedge is now, and I didn't pay but \$2,000.00 for the 500 acres around it. Then I mention the McCullough land which is about 50 acres on Little Bee Creek that lies just east of the Chambers Survey and into the Sparks Survey, I think. Mr. Bradshaw married one of McCullough girls and they had this land and subdivided it and it is the place where Skyline Drive now runs on the east side of Mt. Stroter we call it, and Liz Carpenter lives there and I also live on it. I tell something about the description of the McCullough land where the old home was when I first came out here in 1936 and 1937. I generally tell what some of the signs of old habitation were in this area, the old wells that were there and the pomegranate and maybe fig trees that lived through the years. Then I tell about my acquaintance with the Holloways when they first came from Fort Worth down here to start buying land and build their home. Although I was in school with Sterling, Sterling was one year ahead of me in Law School. He got to where he wanted to come back to Austin in the early 1950s and I showed him land. The deal I made with him about getting the road, which is now called the High Road, from West Lake Drive and Bee Creek, it was all a wilderness, built up to where their home was on the High Road. Somehow or other we did it. Sterling and I became business associates together on lands out in there and he had a way of financing, so I tell the story of how he and I bought the Bull Land, 160 acres, from Howard Bull and Abe Bull, Abe took the lead in it, and their sister. The Bull Mountain Subdivision is now part of this 160 acres which we purchased. Then I tell the story about how John Morgan who was County Engineer, wanted to change the road going north from the High Road which was called the Trail of the Madrones and so Sterling and I and our associates, we bought the land where Toro Canyon now comes off the High Road and goes north and gave the right-of-way to the County. Then I tell about when Joyce and I married in 1962 and she rekindled my interest in subdividing and we went forward as partners in the land business. In my tape called the Patron Saint of the Peninsula I tell about Joyce's part in this subdivision and it will be made a part of this collection of tapes. I then reach the point where Frank Erwin got Joyce and me into the notion of subdividing Bull Mountain so Frank could have a place to put his home on top of a mountain where he could look at the University of Texas. That will be the end of Tape No. 4.

Tapes No. 5 and 6 in the West Lake Land History will be a sixty minute tape and only Tape No. 5 will be used in this discourse,

but it will take up where Joyce and I were talking to Frank Erwin about coming in on the Bull Mountain and letting us subdivide Bull Mountain for the market. In the course of the dealings, although Frank had stirred us into it so he could buy one lot, he finally wound up being a partner and a one-eighth owner of the land and it was quite a business investment for him and for us. It is quite a story about Frank Erwin's first visit to the top of the Bull Mountain with Joyce driving the pick-up truck. Then I tell the story about the people who were advising Mrs. Helen Lea about the lot that she bought on the Bull Mountain before there were any roads up there. Then I tell the story of Joyce finding a buyer for what we call the Thompson Mountain, it is 60 acres of land over on the west side of Toro Canyon Road in the William Brown Survey. Our good friend, A. J. Thompson of San Antonio, a lawyer, and the grandson of A. J. Zilker, of Zilker Park fame, owned the land. We got a buyer for it and he welched on the deal and we took it over in order to not embarrass Andy Thompson at that particular time. In this deal is when we first became acquainted and a partner with Charles Kallestad. He bought a one-half interest and we bought a one-half interest from Andy of the 60 acres which we later sold and came out all right. Then I tell the story of John Lloyd entering the picture here and buying some things and maybe I don't tell the whole story about John, but he was an entrepreneur in this area. I tell about a little ruckus we had about someone cutting cedar off of our land in which I enlisted the help of Edward Pierce. We stopped them. I tell about Joyce's selling of land next to where the City Hall is now to Johnny Mussleman for his office building. When Johnny first came out here he became interested in living here and investing money in this area. I tell the story about Joyce helping Joe Mitchell out in selling his land over there and restricting the area to residential property and then selling the land to the Reeds and the Watsons and the Thieles, and to Johnny Mussleman which is now Green Park where all those beautiful homes are, and I know that Johnny appreciates it and he is one of those that didn't go broke and he is still doing all right because he has a level head and Joyce helped him in buying the land. Not in putting up money, but in advising him. Then one of our partners, Sterling Holloway, died along the way and Jean Holloway died later. Then I end up this tale by telling about the bridge below the Tom Miller Dam which has been called the Low Water Bridge for forty years has finally been named the Emmett Shelton Bridge in February of 1989 because of the work that I did to start it way back in 1946 and 1947. It was named by the unanimous resolution of the present City Council of the City of Austin. That will be the end of Tape No. 5 of the Land History of West Lake Hills.

WEST LAKE FOLKS 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6 These are 90 minute tapes, and will necessarily be a duplication of the West Lake Land History, but this will describe the people themselves and their families and the various incidents of their lives. There will be the customary introductory remarks.

PATRON SAINT This is a 60 minute tape. This is my version of my wife and business partner's participation in the development of the peninsula area after we married in 1962. The history of the peninsula area would be far from complete if the incidences of Joyce's participation were not related here.

PERSONAL SKETCHES. This is a 90 minute tape will start out with one on Homer Thornberry. This tape will be of my personal experiences with all of these people that I am going to mention, and without going into detail on any of them, I will just mention their names so you will know where they are in relation to the tape. The second personal sketch on this tape will be that of Robert Emmett White, the man that I was named after. He was Sheriff about 1905 when I was born, and he was County Judge later and was County Judge when the Congress Avenue Bridge was built, but he was the main politician in Travis County in the early part of the century. The next person I mention is Andrew Zilker who Zilker Park is named after. I had some personal experiences with him and that is about all that I will tell in this tape. The next personal sketch is that of my Aunt Ida Scott Greer Johnson. She was just my Aunt and a woman and quite an interesting character. You will enjoy this tale. Aunt Ida will finish off Side No. 1 and part of hers will be on Side No. 2 also. Side No. 2 will start out with Aunt Ida and will take up quite a little bit of it. The next personal sketch will be that of Hattie Valdes. Most people will know that Hattie was probably the most famous whore in Austin and I represented her for a number of years as her lawyer and this will be my personal experiences of what I know about her.

FERGUSONS This is a 60 minute tape about my experiences with and some of the other things I know about Governor Jim Ferguson and Miriam A. Ferguson. Many of the things I talk about have not reached the history books nor the newspapers.

DAN MOODY This is a 90 minute tape about my personal experiences and other things I know about Governor Dan Moody. It will cover the period from about 1920 until about the late 1950s. The incidences that I speak of will also not have reached the history books nor the newspapers, at least many of them have not.

FRANK HAMER This is a 60 minute tape, all of which is not completed about my experiences with Captain Frank Hamer, the famous Texas Ranger. Most of these incidents will be personal experiences I had with Captain Hamer that perhaps have not been told before.

POLK SHELTON This is a 60 minute tape about experiences in law and politics of my brother, Polk Shelton. It should be a matter of first impression as source material for anyone interested in Polk's life. Polk was born in 1900 and lived into the 1970s.

H. M. REED This is a 90 minute tape about my experiences with my

very close personal friend and business partner for years, Hiram M. Reed. I believe Hiram crowded more into the years that he lived and the way he experienced fun than any other individual that I knew. It will be entertaining, to say the least.

MRS. O. H. DAVENPORT This is a 60 minute tape and is about my experiences with Mrs. O. H. Davenport. She was a very interesting individual and a neighbor of mine and most of these experiences I tell about her have never been widely known.

CINDY CONE This is a 60 minute tape about my recollections of Cindy Cone, and my experiences as her lawyer and it is very interesting. It tells about the case I had of her divorce action and about how she went from rags to riches. Actually, she never was in rags, but she did go to something better than riches. She was the first graduate student that was a social welfare worker from the University of Texas during the WPA days. She went from there to having one of her daughters marry into one of the richest families in the United States.

PERSONAL POLITICS - a 90 minute tape. This will cover a period from the time I started practicing law in 1928 until the late 1970s. This is informative and historical, and there is no other source for this information that is contained in this tape.

BOY SCOUTS - a 60 minute tape. This tape goes into my trip to the Boy Scout Jamboree in 1920 in London, England. This would be of historical interest to almost anyone. At the end, I go into conversations I had with Doug Bailey who was the son of J. Bailey, who organized the Boy Scouts in Austin and he, himself, was the first Boy Scout in Austin.

MARINES 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, and 7 and 8 This is a group of four one-hour tapes about my experiences in the United States Marine Corps in 1944 and 1945. It takes up my officer's training in Quantico, Virginia in June of 1944, and some humorous incidences of what happened in Boot Camp at that time. I continue toward the end of Tape 2 with my experiences at Orlando, Florida where I went to pursue my training as an Intelligence Officer in the Marine Air Corps., and continues with part of my first active duty station at Cherry Point, N. C. in November of 1944. Tape No. 3 ends when I got out to Los Angeles in the spring of 1945 on the way to the Pacific. Tape 4 continues with getting on a boat and leaving and going to Pearl Harbor. We left San Diego the day the war was over in Europe. The tape continues with my first duty station in the Pacific which was at the island of Emirau in the Mathes Island Group. The remaining tapes recall my experiences from that time on until my release from duty on Halloween of 1945. At the end of Side No. 8 I relate some of the experiences told me by my son, Emmett, Jr. of his experience at the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War in the Winter of 1950. I recall Don Myers who I recruited for

the Marine Corps and he got killed in Korea and the Corps asked me to notify his mother of that fact.

ATHLETICS This is a series of three tapes, labeled 1 and 2, 3 and 4, and 5 and 6. They will each be ninety minute tapes.

Tape No. 1 will begin about my life and experiences about the year 1914 or 1915 when I first had yearnings to become an athlete, and will take up what I did in Junior High School until I got out of Austin High School in 1921. Mainly I tell about our athletic activities in the Eighth Troop of Boy Scouts and the individuals who made up that troop at that time and what each of these boys did during their college career. Then I take up my first year I went to Southwest Texas State Teacher's College in the fall of 1921 and it takes up what I did in football there. My mother and I were both very naive about college football and she thought I couldn't play on the team until I bought my own uniform. So she bought me a uniform in 1921 from C & S Sporting Goods Company, all the things I needed, the pants and the shoes and shoulder pads and all such as that so that I could be sure and play some down there. I was only sixteen years old and although later I became a member of the Athletic Hall of Honor down there I bought my own uniform, and now they give scholarships and some other things to entice boys to come down there. Actually the only uniforms besides eleven or twelve that Coach Strahan had for the first team were the old uniforms that the boys had used for the last three or four years and he had them in an old bushel basket looking thing and when we put them on we looked like a bunch of scarecrows. Of course, the new uniforms were not passed out until the Coach knew who was going to play on the team. That was two weeks after the season started. This tape also goes into some of the experiences I had in football under Coach Strahan for the 1921 and 1922 season.

Tape No. 2 begins with an incident that was famous in the history of football at Southwest Texas. It tells about when the nephew of Dr. C. E. Evans, the President of the College, was playing with us that year, his name was Harris, got hurt in practice and he looked like he was dying to us, and Coach Strahan just had the scrimmage move over and Harris take care of himself. It was quite a traumatic experience for us young squirts. The balance of Tape No. 2 will be about the football experiences I had with the Bobcats under Coach Strahan.

Tape No. 3 will take up where we finished the Rice game in Houston in 1923 and how we procured a souvenir from the Bender Hotel where we were the guests. Tape No. 3 continues with the football experiences I had at Southwest Texas during 1923 and 1924. It tells about the Denton game when we beat North Texas in 1924. Then I go into some of my general experiences with the sport of football. These are what we called All-Star games and we had them in San Antonio and Corpus Christi and Houston and various little towns around Austin, but we had us up a team and

we would play and we did that until about 1931 so that will be some very interesting experiences in what we called our Rag-Knots Team. But we had the best football players that were out of college or some of them that were in college that were playing with us at that time. Then on this tape I start talking about my track experiences. This covers the years that I was on the track team in San Marcos between 1922, the first year, and 1925, which was my last year. Tape No. 3 is ended by some of the experiences about the Bobcat Basketball Team.

Tape No. 4 then begins with my career with the Bobcats with the basketball team. Then on this tape I go into some of my experiences with Joe Vance although he didn't play at San Marcos at the same time I did, but he was the best athlete that I ever played with or against, and it should belong on this tape. I mention my short career as a member of the law team on the intramural at the University of Texas in either 1927 or 1928 and I made the All Intramural Team in Baseball at Third Base. I tell the story of my younger brother, Harold Shelton, who played at San Marcos at the sub-college, and was Captain of the team that they called the Lobos, and then he was recruited by Joe Bailey Cheney to go to Howard Payne, where he played a year or two. Then I fill in with the few incidences on this tape that come into my mind about my experiences in basketball that may be collegiate or with the Austin Athletic Club after I got out of college in 1925.

On Tapes 5 and 6, I will begin my post college career in athletics. This tells about the little team I organized and went into semi-pro football in the fall of 1926, I believe it was. It covers the games we played each year particularly the New Year's Day Games we played on up to 1931. These New Years Day games were called the All-Star Games and it was similar to what we called the Bowl Games now, and it was really the forerunner of the Bowl Games, and we played them in San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and in Harlingen and wherever else we could get a crowd to play before. It also goes into the experiences we had on the Austin Athletic Club basketball team in 1926 and 1927. It also tells about the track team I organized called the Austin Athletic Club Track Team in 1927 which was made up of all the team at the University of Texas Longhorns, Southwest Texas, and all the ineligible and some people from Southwestern and maybe from St. Edwards, but we had a team that went to Houston and we won the Southern AAU Meet there. We got some 60-odd points and the team next to us got about 19 which was the Houston Athletic Club and it was made up of the Rice Team. I had the sanction of both Clyde Littlefield and O. W. Strahan to let me take their teams down there and let them compete. The meet was over on the day that Lindberg flew to Paris and that was the headline as we came out of the stadium, and the team that I had there went to the National Collegiate Meet about two weeks later in Chicago and the points made by the Longhorns and the Bobcats would have won the national meet. So it can be said that we had some good track

men.

Tape No. 5 ends with a New Year's Day Game we played in Harlingen about 1927 or 1928 and we played down there against the Buffalo Rangers, forerunner of the Buffalo Bills, which was a pro team made up of a bunch of A & M and Oklahoma and Center College boys and was run by Jim Kendricks, an old A & M Ex. who played under Charlie Moran. I teamed my team up with the Valley All Stars and we played the New Years Day game and it is very interesting with some of the things that happened there because there were some quite famous athletes there and we were just human. On this tape I tell about the first game that was ever played in Dripping Springs. It was played on Christmas Day of 1925. Buda played the town of Dripping Springs. We had eleven or maybe 12 players, but anyway, seven of those players were Shelton Boys and they had all made collegiate letters. On this side of the tape I also take up the details of the Austin Athletic Club Basketball Team in 1926 and 1927.

SPORTS OFFICIAL This is a 30 minute tape. This tape will take up my officiating, refereeing, and umpiring in football. This lasted for a period of over thirty years, from 1925 to 1955. I have been made an Honorary Life Member of the Southwest Football Officials Association because of my services there. It takes up some of the old time officials long before the Southwest Football Officials Association was organized. It is interesting to anyone interested in that topic. The sequence of time is rather interesting here. I officiated for 30 years, and after I quit officiating in 1955, it was in 1985 that I was made an Honorary Life Member of the Association. Anyway, this takes up the officiating of football that I did with some famous characters all those years. I worked mostly high school games, but I did work some college games, and it was a wonderful career for me. It will take up such characters as V. I. Moore, Dean of Men at UT, Mr. Vinn, Roy B. Henderson, Head of the Athletic branch of the Interscholastic League, Mr. J. E. Procter, H. J. Ettlinger, All American from Yale and head of the Math Department of UT, Jessie Kellam, Carl Bredt, and others of that day and time that officiated with me before 1950, as most of my games were in 1930 and 1940. However, in 1955 I was elected the President of the University of Texas Chapter of the Southwest Football Officials Association. That was my last year of officiating.

COLLEGE DAYS This is a 90 minute tape. Without trying to go into detail it will describe the day-to-day incidents that I thought was of interest in the four years particularly that I was at Southwest Texas. There were a lot of fine things that happened outside the classroom. It will be interesting to anyone that wants to go back and see how the college kids lived in the 1921 to 1925. I tell it as it happened.

INSPIRATIONS This is a 90 minute tape. It will be a tape of poem collections, quotations, and inspirations and things that I

have gathered in a scrapbook since about 1920. It will be inspirational. It is the verbal counterpart to Elbert Hubbard's Scrapbook and Leaves of Gold.

CARO INTERVIEW 7-11-78 This is two tapes, each being 90 minute duration. This tape will be an interview with Mr. Caro who is writing the biography of Lyndon B. Johnson called the Path to Power. He called me up back in 1978 and wanted to have a 30 minute interview with me. He came out and had a 90 minute interview on 7-11-78 when I lived on Lost Canyon. That will be this tape.

Then he came back on 7-30-78 and had another 90 minute interview with me on Lyndon Johnson's biography and the things that I know about him. The things that I told him on these two tapes are things that happened after 1940, and the first volume of Mr. Caro's book does not encompass what I told him in these two interviews and this is still left to history. They would be of historical interest to anyone interested in the life of LBJ.

MUSINGS This is a 90 minute tape. It will be various miscellaneous topics that I may have missed in making my law tapes, but they will be akin to my law tapes. The first will be a tale about my association with the Gypsy clans that were floating around over Texas in the early 1930s. Polk and I represented most of these clans. They shouldn't be called clans, they should be called tribes or something else. They made a living by thievery and they were the best slight-of-hand artists I ever saw.

Then comes my experiences being the attorney for building and trade labor unions here in Austin in the latter part of 1930 and on through the 1940s, and Red Evans was the "Walking Delegate", they called it, but he ran the unions, and it will be my experiences with the union, suits that I had for them and my personal experiences with them involving a little politics.

I will next take up my experiences in the representing of Mr. Gene Howard who was the originator and owned Howard's Nursery which is still in existence.

I then take up my recollections of being a lawyer for, and a friend to, Mr. Clinton Peoples who was Captain of the Headquarters Company of the Texas Rangers and a rather famous one.

I next tell of my experiences with Mr. M. H. Crockett, who was quite a wheeler and dealer in Austin in the 1940s and the latter part of the 1930s, and I represented him. I tell about one particular case that took place after one of the floods of the Colorado River. Mr. Crockett was the man who bought all this land on the west side of Congress Avenue down about where Riverside Drive is and had enough sense to have it filled in with

dirt and make something worthwhile out of it.

Then I tell about the experience Gary Bray and I had right at the end of prohibition. He had a license to run a drugstore and a pharmacy and I had been representing all of the bootleggers, including some of the national distilleries in Illinois and so we undertook to buy some of this whiskey before it become legal, but it had been voted legal, and we carried it through Gary's pharmaceutical number and it is a nice story about how a man took us for a cleaning, but we didn't have to pay for it. I mention Don Leggs, who had been a Sports Editor for the Austin American for a few years and his connection with our liquor operation.

Then I tell a story about Chester Freund. He was the brother of Warren Freund, who was County Commissioner out in the precinct on the north side of the River in the west part of Travis County. Chester had a big ranch out there. We represented him for a number of years and he got a road down there and it is a good story about Chester and his family.

Then I tell about a case I had for one of Joyce's cousins who ran a number of taverns just west of Dallas and he was filed on for something he wasn't guilty of, and it was tried down here in Austin and I represented him on it and got him out of it. One thing I do not say is that last month Joyce and I were up visiting him and he told me that after he had won this case in Austin all the Liquor Control people in Fort Worth and Dallas were overly solicitous of his welfare, thinking that he had a lot of pull with the Liquor Control Board in Austin. He said that it was embarrassing to him. He had never told me that before.

On this tape I mention the part that Emmett, Jr. when he was City Marshal of West Lake Hills played in this case. Then I continue with an experience we had with Emmett, Jr. and Jeanette at the graveside services for Joe Vance in Devine when I showed him Joe's mother's grave.

I will end this tape with a story about Ralph Janes, Sr. and then I will start on the other side about the Janes connection I had. They ran a sand and gravel company along the Colorado River. One interesting event was that during the war the Janes Gravel Company was furnishing all the gravel for the Government to build their facilities around Mineral Wells, Texas and the man they had up there was selling gravel to everybody but the Government, and Ralph came to me with that proposition. There were other incidences about Ralph Janes and my experiences with him.

I next tell about an experience with Mr. Nick Dawson, who built a house on the wrong lot in South Austin, and got the lumber from the Calcasieu Lumber Company to built it with, and it was not an honest mistake that he made.

The next is an experience I had with a man who ran for the Supreme

Court of Texas and got defeated. It is a rather sordid story.

The next is a story about people who were supposed to be friends of mine from East Texas in the early 1930s and they had me sign a replentive bond to get one of their Cadillac automobiles back on a weekend that had been sequestered from them, and then he didn't pay it off, and I had quite a little incident with him. He paid it off in about ten minutes after I told him what was going to happen to him if he didn't.

Then I tell about some experiences I had on a trip that I went down to Orange Field to represent the Orange Field Independent School District in some matter down there and I run into some stories about the Lutchter Starks Family and they are very interesting about his cousin who was District Judge and not so rich. It includes the story about Dexter Shelley, who was a Mascot for the Eighth Troop of Boy Scouts when I played with them in 1919 and later he became the best half-back in the Southwest Conference for the University of Texas. Anyway, he was coaching down at Orange Field until the overbearing attitude of Mr. Stark caused Dexter to leave.

Then I recite a case I had about keeping Lakeway people from closing a road, Lohmann's Crossing I think it was, and I represented the people from around the Bee Cave area who wanted to keep that road open so that they could have access to the lake and the law was on my side and I won it. Lee Blocker at that time was managing the Lakeway Estates and I made a friend out of him in this case although he lost this case.

Then I tell about the first lawsuit I ever had and it was the estate of the sister of Mrs. A. R. Cook here in Austin. The Cooks hired me to go out to Brownsfield and represent them in 1928, it was I am sure, because I rode out there on a truck and I am still getting money out of that lawsuit because we took an interest in some land in New Mexico, the mineral rights.

THE BIRDS OF WILD BASIN Sometime about the year 1975 when I was living in Lost Canyon my sight became impaired. This was the most inaccessible and remote part of the Wild Basin area on Bee Creek. For want of something better to do with my time, I started to record the call of the birds in this canyon. The calls in this tape which is a 90 minute tape, were selected from all of the calls that I made over a course of three or four years and am still making. Along with the calls I give some little poop as to what the birds were and some little sayings that might make it interesting if not historical. My daughter, Jeanette, will continue with this tape as the years go by. She is a better bird lover than I am. Jeanette also has a very fine collection of bird nests that I gathered from South Texas and the Wild Basin Area over the years and any bird lover that would like to see them I am sure that she would let you see them.

Col. Robnett's background here in West Lake Hills was, he moved out here after the War, and made it his home, and he was very much interested in the Fire Department and other civic concerns. The tale he tells is of interest to any historian of the Second World War.