

Mary Maude "Grandma" Supernaw
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Subject: Lost Creek Cave - Located west of Quapaw Creek (1962 Interview)

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(1962 Interview)

Bill: Did you say Grandpa found a cave out there?

Grandma: Oh yeah, he (Tallchief) find a cave, cave, went hunting, he find it with a dog. Uh, he thought was there, find a coon, he look in there was a, big hole in there so, he look around in there, uh, there ain't no flashlight nothing, but he look around in there and, uh, seem like he could find something. So he look in there and after a while, uh, find something in there, dishes like. Uh, something like that so, later on, they come back and they take wagon and he take another boy with him. My mother went too, I guess, I went too.

And uh, they look around in there, they got a lot of dishes, all kind, jug and crock and pan, uh, a tin pan all rotted up, rusted out, tea kettle, little tea pot, all like that, iron pot, just all right, just, just whole lot of them, like that. A machine, make, make uh, goods out of it, machine, that kind they put away in there too. People make, uh, cloth, I guess. And they storage everything you can think of in that cave, but he don't need, so, he didn't tell anybody and nobody didn't know he had it, I guess, and nobody didn't ask him, so, they didn't know where it is. And uh, next time he thought he look again and went back up there and, and a big fall, uh, a big rock fell in there, filled up that big hole. So he said, if people, if the white people know they can blast that, he said, but they, he didn't tell anybody, I guess white people didn't know it, I guess, he didn't tell them.

Irene: What creek was that on?

Grandma: Huh?

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Grandma: A, a creek.

Irene: Uh huh.

Grandma: Uh, Lost creek, he told me. A bluff around there, I guess, Lost Creek. I don't know where Lost Creek is.