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## Lost Creek Cave

(1969 Interview)

Bill: Tell me about that Lost Creek Cave where all them Indians went to ....

Grandma: Lost Creek Cave, Tall Chief, he said.

Bill: Your Grandpa, I mean my Grandpa (Tall Chief)?

Grandma: Uh huh! He, he was hunting, so he just, uh, uh, he thought maybe a coon in there, he just look in that hole.

Bill: Coon?

Grandma: And he dog go in there and looking around, and looking, and he went in there, so, he find out, go a little deeper so, he just look around and can't see. See some stuff in there, see, he digging out, and dig a little more, little more and.

And uh, next time well he, he go back down there again, he, my mother with him, two them, take a wagon down there. They show where the wagon come down the hill, chop trees down, they come down the hill, and they would come to the cave, come from up on hill. And so, they keep little more, they find them dishes. They got a lot of dishes and jug and all kinds of pretty plates must be store, I guess, or something. They know they going have war (Civil war) so we, you find that cave, you put everything in there. Machine, everything, make uh, goods out of it, make machine. So, that's what they kind of, to find out, skillet and everything, they in there.

They (Tall Chief) got all wagon it, wagon load everything, he said. They took them home. Everybody, the other people didn't know (about the cave) .... the white people, they could find out but they, nobody didn't know it. Cause uh, he always go hunting where your daddy show him up on the hill, that a way he didn't know what he, what he mean. So, he didn't show that cave, he says, so that's the reason nobody know who that cave is.

And they went back and like, oh, before he quit, he quit hunting he went back over there and he said big rock just cave in and fill that hole in there, rock cave in. So that's how, that's last time he saw it, he said. If you, white people, know they

blast it, that rock, but they didn't, nobody know, he said. That's all!

Bill: That was on Lost Creek?

Grandma: Uh huh.