

### **George Newman: Cemeteries in the Elkton Area**

GN: And our big project now is trying to clean up some of the cemeteries and record some of them in the Elkton and Prospect area. We're working on one here in Elkton, the old Cumberland Presbyterian Church cemetery. I'm also working on, believe it or not, a cemetery in Poplar Hill, which is about half way between Elkton and Prospect. Some of you listening to me may know where Poplar Hill was. That is the only church in Giles County which Booker T. Washington spoke at when he was at, [thumping] wherever he was. But he came back here and spoke at that church. And the church is long gone now, but the cemetery is badly grown up and we're working, trying to clean it, trying to record the cemetery more than clean it. I thought it was a relatively small cemetery when I started, and I found out it isn't. There's some very unusual cemeteries in the Elkton area; some very distinctive tomb rocks. One of them is in the Bull Cemetery, which is right behind where we're sitting back here. It's a Woodman tomb rock, which is two trees grow up but then they come together at the top. Now I don't think I've ever seen one do that before. The cemetery at, the Poplar Hill Cemetery I'm talking about, has one that has two columns that go up and with an arch, but they're not trees, they're not a Woodman rock. It's very similar to the Woodman rock, but it's not a Woodman rock