

T-431-3 (Third of Three Interviews)
TOM RIDER, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY DAY SETTLERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY; LOCKART BROTHERS
HENRY STARR, ETC; LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTION
EARLY DAY SETTLERS
COMTEMPT WITH OFFICE CLERKS
EARLY DAYS IN CHEROKEE NATION - TOWN OF ZEB
FAMILY BUILT THE SCHOOL AND A CHURCH
EARLY DAY FAMILIES
SMALL FARMS - LIVE STOCK FOR LIVELIHOOD
FATHER WAS A SUCCESSFUL CATTLE BUYER
CONTRACTS TO BUY 400 HEAD FOR \$12 PER HEAD
EARLY DAY TRAVEL
WAGON TRAIN TO CALIFORNIA - GOLD RUSH
DEPLORES TREATMENT OF INDIANS
COOKSON HILLS - OUTLAWS
VARIOUS OUTLAWS IN EARLY DAYS
MOUNT COOKSON AND TROY AND KY CARLILE IN THE PENITENTIARY, ESCAPE
MOUNT HAS HELPED TO ESCAPE - ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS
HAS SEEN ROUGH LIFE - OUTLAWS AND LAWMEN
WILSON RIDER AND ZEKE PROCTOR
HAMILTON BROTHERS KILLED
HOW HENRY STARR BECAME AN OUTLAW - OTHERS JOINED HIM
MORE ABOUT HENRY STARR AND KID WILSON
MORE ABOUT OUTLAWS - CRITTENDEN BOYS
JIM AND BILL COOKSON GET THEIR STRIP PAYMENTS
MORE ABOUT JIM AND BILL COOKSON, GOT AWAY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Tom Rider was born in 1878 in the Cherokee Nation in the community of Zeb in what is now Cherokee County. He now lives in Hulbert, Oklahoma. Mr. Rider is still alert and fairly active and lives alone. He can remember many events that happened a long time ago and most of the people involved, but does not remember dates very well.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Tohnee Turtle, Cherokee
Sam Chewey, Cherokee