

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 BECQME 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