

T-460-2 (Second of Two Interviews)  
INFORMANT: BEN HARTNESS, CHEROKEE  
INTERVIEWED BY: B.D. TIMMONS  
INTERVIEW DATE: APRIL 18, 1968  
TRANSCRIBED BY: DARLENE FIELDS  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

FAMILY HISTORY

HE WAS A FREIGHTER FOR A TIME AFTER ARRIVING  
INDIANS RESENT WHITE MAN DESTROYING WILD GAME  
LIFE IN THE EARLY DAYS  
HONESTY AMONG PEOPLE IN EARLY DAYS BEFORE STATEHOOD  
ESTABLISHMENT OF BOUNDARY LINES  
THE WICKLIFF BOYS AND THE STARR FAMILY  
LEFT PEGGS IN 1912  
CONCERNING ROPE AND RATTLESNAKES  
EARLY LIFE OF A CATTLEMAN - CUTTING HORSES  
HOMES OF THE INDIANS IN THE COMMUNITY  
MORE FAMILY HISTORY  
SHOOTING INCIDENT  
CHEROKEES ARE TRYING TO KEEP THEIR LANGUAGE  
STORY ABOUT SPLITTING RAILS  
UNCLE JOHN WILKERSON GIVES A DANCE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Ben Hartness was 90 years old at the time of this interview. He was born in Cherokee County, North Carolina and came to the Cherokee Nation when he was a young boy. Mr. Hartness has lived near Dewey and Pawhuska since 1912.

NOTE: The other interview on this tape is Mattie Timmons, Cherokee