

T-544-1 (First of Four Interviews)  
JOE RAY, CHEROKEE  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: HISTORY OF FISHER BEND, WAGONER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION  
EARLY DAYS OF FISHER BEND  
NO DOCTORS AVAILABLE IN SOME AREAS  
GRANNY AND UNCLE JOE  
FAMILIAR FAMILY NAMES  
SCHOOLS IN FISHER BEND COUNTY  
CHURCHES IN EARLY DAYS  
MORE ABOUT SCHOOLS - PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA  
MANY CHANGES IN LAST 25 YEARS  
A SCHOOL CALLED SLEEPER  
EARLY DAY SCHOOL TEACHERS WERE STRICT

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Joe Ray is 66 years old. He was born and raised in the Fisher Bend Community in Wagoner County. He attended the local schools, Valley School and Billy Moore Spring School. Mr. Ray is now living in Chouteau, Oklahoma.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Bess Nelson, Cherokee  
Georgia Still, Cherokee  
Agnes Gunter Gordon, Cherokee