

T-229-2 (Second of Two Interviews)
ED OAKS, CHOCTAW
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INTERVIEW DATE: JULY 19, 1967

GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE IN EARLY DAYS, SCHOOL LIFE, CHOCTAW HISTORY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

TRIBAL AFFAIRS
TREATMENT BY WELFARE PEOPLE
THERE WERE TWO GOVERNORS BY NAME OF LEFLORE
LOCATION OF THE BIG CYPRESS TREE
ELIXIR SPRINGS
TRIBAL COURTS
GOVERNOR JONES, A WEALTHY SLAVE HOLDER

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Ed Oaks was born in 1890 northeast of Soper, Oklahoma. He now lives in Hugo, Oklahoma and has lived in southeast Oklahoma all of his life. He attended public school in Soper for one year, but obtained the rest of his education at Oklahoma Presbyterian College (OPC) in Durant, Oklahoma.

(Mrs. Oaks is present and occasionally participates in conversation)

Note: The other interview on this tape is Georgie Carnes, Choctaw.