

T-273-1 (First of Four Interviews)

JOSHUA PERRYMAN, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: REMINISCENCES OF CENTRALIA AND OTHER TOWNS IN  
NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

REMEMBERS EARLY DAYS AND GIVES LAND BOUNDARIES

NOT MANY CATTLE IN THE EARLY DAYS - SCARCITY OF WATER

FARMING WAS GOOD IN EARLY DAYS - LAND EROSION LATER

PARENTS CAME FROM ILLINOIS - GRANDPARENTS FROM GEORGIA

VINITA AND OTHER SMALL TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES IN EARLY DAYS

NEIGHBORS AND OTHER PEOPLE IN YEAR 1891

OZARK TRAIL IS NOT THE JEFFERSON TRAIL

COAL STRIPPING

BUSINESSES AND DOCTORS

LAW AND ORDER IN THE EARLY DAYS - INCIDENTS

BIG CREEK DISTRICT - MOSTLY NEGROES THERE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

At the time of this interview Joshua Perryman was 88 years of age. He is a retired rancher of Centralia, Craig County, Oklahoma and has lived in this same community since 1892. He moved with his family from Missouri and then into Indian Territory when he was a young boy.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Maude Rider Brown, Cherokee  
John Hunter, Choctaw  
Lucy Croaker, Cherokee