

T-287-2 (Second of Two Interviews)

ED OAKS, CHOCTAW

INTERVIEWED BY: RUTH HANKOWSKY

INTERVIEW DATE: JULY 19, 1967.

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GENERAL SUBJECT: TRIBAL AFFAIRS; TRIBAL COURTS; SLAVES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

RANCH LIFE OF MR. OAKS AND MR. THOMPSON  
SPENCER ACADEMY AND SCHOOL LIFE THERE  
INDIAN MEETINGS AND REASONS FOR SAME  
CHOCTAW COOK BOOKS AND SONG BOOKS AND THE BIBLE  
CHOCTAW LANGUAGE IS SLOWLY BEING LOST  
MENTIONS SEVERAL PROMINENT PEOPLE IN EARLY DAYS  
CHOCTAW VOTING AND MUCH ABOUT THE OLD CHOCTAW COUNCIL  
HOUSE AT TUSKAHOMA

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.

Remarks on Interview: Mrs. Oaks is present and occasionally  
participates in this interview.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Garfield Shoals, Non-Indian