

T-295-3 (Third of Five Interviews)

WESLEY BEECH, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE AMONG THE QUAPAW INDIANS; EARLY HISTORY OF VINITA;  
SOME LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

OBSERVATION OF EARLY DAY QUAPAW PEOPLE

TOWN OF VINITA IN EARLY DAYS

EARLY DAY FARMING - USE OF RAILROAD

NO ROADS IN EARLY DAYS - NO POLICE NOR LAWS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

At the time of this interview, Wes Beech was 95 years of age. Mr. Beech moved to the Quapaw reservation in 1890 and lived there for three years and moved to what is now Vinita, Oklahoma in 1893, and still lives there at the present time.

NOTE: The other interviews on this tape are; Florence Ronson, Cherokee  
W. O. Hale, Cherokee  
Sam Sloan, Cherokee  
Frank Tyner, Cherokee