

T-353-1 (First of Four Interviews)
OTT RAGSDALE, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: HISTORY MATERIALS OF EARLY DAY SCHOOLS AND TOWNS
OF NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTION

EARLY DAYS AND LOCATIONS OF FAMILY

THE PROCTOR GUN BATTLE

SCHOOLS - LOCATIONS

WASHINGTON CEMETERY

FRIENDLY CUSTOMS IN EARLY DAYS

LAWS AND CRIMES IN EARLY DAYS

BUYING AND TRADING IN EARLY DAYS

CHURCHES AND A FRATERNAL ORDER CALLED "ORDER OF THE REDMAN"

KINDS OF TIMBER

RAISING TOBACCO AND MAKING SORGHUM MOLASSES

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Ott Ragsdale was born in 1885 in Adair County near the Arkansas border. He has lived in his present home in the Good Hope Community in Rogers County, Oklahoma since 1908. He is a retired farmer and a full blood Cherokee.

(Mr. Ragsdale's daughter Viella Ragsdale is present and participates in this interview.)

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Arthur Fox, Cherokee
Dora Early Tucker, Cherokee
Ben and Maude Wood, Cherokee