

T-372-3 (Third of Four Interviews)
ORA LAYTON, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: SOME HISTORY OF MAYES COUNTY; MURPHY COMMUNITY;
SOME LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTION
MURPHY COMMUNITY
WORKED ON RAILROAD - PEGGS TORNADO
SCHOOLS
GOOD FARM LAND BEFORE DAM BUILT
MOVING CEMETERIES
- EARLY RESIDENTS
- CEMETERIES
DROUGHT - FOOD AND LABOR PRICES
NUMEROUS STORIES AND INCIDENTS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Ora Layton is seventy-four years old. He lives in the Murphy Community of Mayes County, Oklahoma where he was born. Mr. Layton is a retired farmer, logger, section hand and laborer. Most of his life has been spent in this part of Mayes County, except for a short time when he lived in California. He has been interested in the growth of his and surrounding communities and remembers much of its history.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Commodore Ross, Cherokee
Maggie Thompson Ross, Cherokee
Ned Lowrey, Cherokee