

General Subject: Life History Material; Hunting and Wildlife of that Time.

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(January 21, 1969. Today I'm visiting with Tom Ward, a ninety year old pioneer of Cherokee ancestry. He lives at Ketchum, Delaware County, Oklahoma. Mr. Ward reveals many things of early day Indian territory and other places of historical interest.)

TOWNS OF KETCHUM AND NEW KETCHUM

And I couldn't recollect his folks at old Ketchum. I couldn't recollect some here. Now he didn't know. There's been two Ketchum's, you know. Old Ketchum and new. And I told him. He said, he just got plum away from me. Couldn't find out or find nobody that knowed anything about it.

(Uh-huh. But you saw old Ketchum down here when it ran south.)

I tell you. Now the best I could recollect. Uh --it's been so long ago. They left here and went to California. And that's what I told him.

(Yeah)

Them days, people were going to California and they'd get rich you know.

(Uh-huh)

More of them went out there and come back poorer than they was when they went.

It wasn't so much then. A lot of them mining places, you know. There was them gold runs. There was a lot of gold out there.

(Yeah)

They had silver too.

((Not clear) old Ketchum down here.)

Well there was nine stores.

(Well)

And when they moved up here. Two or three new ones went in.

(Uh-huh)