

T-379-1 (First of Four Interviews)
JEFFERSON FIELDS, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS AND RELATED SUBJECTS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

EARLY DAY SETTLERS - CEMETERIES

ZENA COMMUNITY IS VERY OLD RIVER CROSSING

LITTLE SETTLEMENT OF PEORIA - NICKNAME "TIGHTWAD"

TRADING PLACES WERE FAR APART IN EARLY DAYS

CEMETERIES - MANY PEOPLE BURIED THERE

FIELD CEMETERY

GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER HAD TITLE TO LAND IN REPUBLIC OF MEXICO

RECALLS MANY THINGS ABOUT EARLY DAYS

PHILOSOPHY CONCERNING FUTURE FOR PEOPLE

DISCIPLINE FOR CHILDREN IN EARLY DAYS

RELIGION AND BELIEFS

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN RELIGION

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Jefferson Fields was born in 1884, on Honey Creek in Delaware County, Indian Territory in a log house built by General Stand Watie. He is a full blood Cherokee and lives in the White Water Creek Community, of Delaware County. His first school was Butler school and he also attended the Cherokee Male Seminary in Tahlequah, Oklahoma in 1908-1909. (Jefferson is sometimes called Jess & Jeff.)

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Jennie Robertson, Cherokee
Katie Sam, Cherokee
Sarah Cheater, Cherokee