

T-428-1 (First of Three Interviews)
TOM CAPTAIN, EASTERN SHAWNEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS AND RELATED SUBJECTS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

EARLY LIFE OF TOM CAPTAIN
OWNED THE STORE 20 YEARS
QUIT SCHOOL TO HELP WITH FARMING
EARLY DAY SETTLERS - NAMES
EARLY DAY TRADING POINTS
OTHER TRIBES LOCATED IN THE AREA
CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF FIVE MODOC WOMEN SITTING ON LOG
MORE ABOUT TRADING POSTS
MINERAL MINES AND THE EFFECT ON HEALTH OF MINERS
EXPERIENCES WITH QUAPAW PONIES
EARLY DAY OPEN RANGE FOR LIVESTOCK
INDIAN AGENCY
TRIBAL TREATIES AND LAND ALLOTMENTS
REORGANIZATION OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS WHILE CHIEF
MORE ABOUT ORGANIZATION
FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP AMONG TRIBES
INDIAN POLICE AND ONE INCIDENT
JAILS AND COURT TRIALS
OWNED TWO FERRIES AT ONE TIME

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Tom Captain was born in December 1884. He attended school at the Old Quapaw Mission at Wyandotte and one year at Haskell Institute. Mr. Captain has been a farmer, horse rancher and now owns a store in Miami, Oklahoma. At one time he was chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe.

Remarks: Fay Captain and an unidentified man are present and participate in this interview.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Julian Bluejacket, Eastern Shawnee
Rosa Kisse, Eastern Shawnee