

T-431-3 (Third of Three Interviews)

TOM RIDER, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY DAY SETTLERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY; LOCKART BROTHERS  
HENRY STARR, ETC; LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTION

EARLY DAY SETTLERS

COMTEMPT WITH OFFICE CLERKS

EARLY DAYS IN CHEROKEE NATION - TOWN OF ZEB

FAMILY BUILT THE SCHOOL AND A CHURCH

EARLY DAY FAMILIES

SMALL FARMS - LIVE STOCK FOR LIVELIHOOD

FATHER WAS A SUCCESSFUL CATTLE BUYER

CONTRACTS TO BUY 400 HEAD FOR \$12 PER HEAD

EARLY DAY TRAVEL

WAGON TRAIN TO CALIFORNIA - GOLD RUSH

DEPLORES TREATMENT OF INDIANS

COOKSON HILLS - OUTLAWS

VARIOUS OUTLAWS IN EARLY DAYS

MOUNT COOKSON AND TROY AND KY CARLILE IN THE PENITENTIARY, ESCAPE

MOUNT HAS HELPED TO ESCAPE - ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS

HAS SEEN ROUGH LIFE - OUTLAWS AND LAWMEN

WILSON RIDER AND ZEKE PROCTOR

HAMILTON BROTHERS KILLED

HOW HENRY STARR BECAME AN OUTLAW - OTHERS JOINED HIM

MORE ABOUT HENRY STARR AND KID WILSON

MORE ABOUT OUTLAWS - CRITTENDEN BOYS

JIM AND BILL COOKSON GET THEIR STRIP PAYMENTS

MORE ABOUT JIM AND BILL COOKSON, GOT AWAY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Tom Rider was born in 1878 in the Cherokee Nation in the community of Zeb in what is now Cherokee County. He now lives in Hulbert, Oklahoma. Mr. Rider is still alert and fairly active and lives alone. He can remember many events that happened a long time ago and most of the people involved, but does not remember dates very well.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Toffee Turtle, Cherokee  
Sam Chewey, Cherokee