

T-480-3 (Third of Three Interviews)
INFORMANT: JESS MAYES, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

IN EARLY DAYS, GREASE LAMPS WERE USED - MATCHES WERE SCARCE

IN EARLY DAYS, MUCH TIMBER WAS CUT AND HAULED OUT BY RAILROAD

IN EARLY DAYS, PROCTOR WAS A THRIVING TOWN

SHOOTING SCRAPES - FACTIONS FOUGHT GUN BATTLES

MR. MAYES MISSES THE OLD DAYS - TRAIN WHISTLES

OPEN RANGE FOR LIVESTOCK - UNMARKED HOGS BELONGED TO ANYONE

DRIFTWOOD IN CREEKS MADE GOOD FISHING

MORE ABOUT GOOD FISHING

JOHN CHRISTIE BUILT A LOG HOUSE WHICH IS STILL STANDING - OVER 100
YEARS OLD

INDIANS ENJOYED RIDING THE TRAIN TO MUSKOGEE AND WESTVILLE

SAWMILLS - FARMING AND FARM PRODUCE

HERBS FOR HOME MEDICINE - GRIST MILLS

CEMETERIES

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Jess Mayes was 82 years of age at the time of this interview. He lives in Proctor Community, Adair, Oklahoma where he was born and has lived all of his life. Jess first went to school in a log school house at the north edge of Proctor and later attended the Cherokee Male Seminary at Tahlequah. He is a retired farmer.

NOTE: Two other informants on this tape are: Emmet Lowrey, Cherokee
Charles Ross, Cherokee