

T-480-2 (Second of Three Interviews)
INFORMANT: CHARLES ROSS, CHEROKEE
INTERVIEWED BY: J.W. TYNER
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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS AND RELATED SUBJECTS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION
MUCH ABOUT THE STARR FAMILY
WEBBER FALLS - PORUM - CHECOTAH
PARENTS - OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS
HOME IN INDIAN TERRITORY - ARMY BURNED EVERYTHING
OTHER FAMILIES IN AREA BESIDES ROSS FAMILIES
THE ONLY MAN JUDGE PARKER EVER RELEASED FROM EXECUTION
SCHOOLS ATTENDED
PLENTY OF TALL GRASS IN EARLY DAYS
CEMETERIES
EARLY DAY PEOPLE AND WORKING CONDITIONS
CULTURE CENTERS
EARLY DAYS - NECESSARY TO HAVE A SPECIAL PERMIT TO HIRE A WHITE MAN
MR. SPRING FROGG LIVED IN TEXARKANA

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

At the time of this interview Charles Ross was 80 years of age. He was born and reared on the original land allotment and has lived here since that time. Mr. Ross attended Prairie Knob, Ross and Vann schools in the lower grades, then Cherokee Male Seminary at Tahlequah. He was employed for the Highway Department and County Commissioner of Muskogee County for a number of years.

NOTE: The other informants on this tape are: Emmett Lowrey, Cherokee
Jess Mayes, Cherokee