

T-518-3 (Third of Three Interviews)  
INFORMANT: JENKS ROSS, NON-INDIAN  
INTERVIEWED BY: J.W. TYNER  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE EXPERIENCES OF OLD CHEROKEE NATION

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION  
SCHOOL BUILDINGS - MODE OF TRAVEL  
TIME HAVE CHANGED  
RAISED AMONG THE INDIANS  
MORE ABOUT CHANGES  
INCIDENTS - ATTITUDES OF PEOPLE TOWARD NEGROES  
EXECUTION OF TWO MEN  
NAMES OF CERTAIN PEOPLE - CENTRALIA  
MUDDY ROADS - EARLY DAYS - HUNGER  
INCIDENTS - TRAVEL - "PUNCHIN" FLOOR  
TAHLEQUAH SEMINARY  
EATING WITH OUTLAWS  
COOKING FOOD IN EARLY DAYS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

At the time of this interview, Jenks Ross was 87 years of age. He was born and reared on Stick Ross Mountain and grew up with full blood Cherokee children. His father, Stick Ross, was a well-known Negro slave owned by Chief John Ross. He attended Cherokee Male Seminary in Tahlequah. He now lives in the Negro Community in Nowata, Oklahoma.

REMARKS: Mrs. Ross is present and participates in this interview.

NOTE: The other interviews on this tape are: Sunday Bark, Cherokee  
Adelaide Eye, Cherokee