

T-518-3 (THIRD OF THREE INTERVIEWS)  
INFORMANT: JENKS ROSS, NON-INDIAN, NEGRO  
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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(September the 5th, 1969. I'm visiting with Jenks Ross, who is 87 years old. He is the son of a Cherokee Freedman. Mr. Ross tells about the life and experiences that he has known in the old Cherokee Nation. Mr. Ross now lives in Nowata, Oklahoma. He has been retired for many years. He lives in his comfortable and humble home. He is enjoying his late years.)  
Yes, I went to church.

(Do you remember what year that was? About what age were you when you went there? Take a guess.)

I was about 16, I guess. Well, I tell you--  
(Now, your age now is 87.)

SCHOOL BUILDING--MODE OF TRAVEL

There's a record at the court house.

(We don't need a record. I was just wondering--just what you can remember: Were there a lot of children there?)

I believe there were. Yeah, a big school at that time. Now, I didn't go there, but I remember that. Now, my family went to Arkansas. Well, I went to school to a lady by the name of Miss Danny Muggs. Then, another was by the name of Bud Browning. (Words not clear) had an uncle lived there. His name Johnson.

(What kind of buildings were there?)

It was a big brick building. I think it was about second and third story building.