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TOM CAPTAIN, EASTERN SHAWNEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: EASTERN SHAWNEES AND OTHER TRIBES IN NORTHEAST  
OKLAHOMA

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BACKGROUND BY FIELD WORKER  
TALKS OF THE DIFFERENT EARLY TRIBES IN THIS AREA  
THE TRIBE HAD NO MEETING HOUSE  
THE SHAWNEES WERE OF THREE FACTIONS  
ONCE TIMBERLAND WAS PLENTIFUL  
EARLY NATURAL RESOURCES  
MINE WORKING AND EXPERIENCES  
INDIAN MINERAL RIGHTS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Tom Captain was born in December 1884. He attended school at the Old Quapaw Mission at Wyandotte and one year at Haskell Institute. Mr. Captain has been a farmer, horse rancher and now owns a store in Miami, Oklahoma. At one time he was chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Tom Whistler, Ottawa  
Ted Scott, Cherokee