

T-535-3 (Third of Three Interviews)  
THEODORE SCOTT, CHEROKEE  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY HISTORY OF MCLAIN COUNTRY AND THE PEOPLE WHO  
LIVED IN THAT AREA IN MUSKOGEE COUNTY; METHODS OF  
FARMING; ACTIVITY ON THE ARKANSAS RIVER

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION  
TOWN OF MCLAIN IN EARLY DAYS  
COMING OF THE RAILROAD - FARMING COMMUNITY  
CREEK NATION  
TAYLOR STAGECOACH INN  
A CEMETERY - CHURCH - SCHOOL  
MORE ABOUT CEMETERIES  
RIVER TRAVEL - UNKNOWN HISTORY  
NO ROAD MACHINERY IN EARLY DAYS  
LIVING CONDITIONS IN EARLY DAYS - OLD PEOPLE NOW  
HOUSE BOATS ON RIVER IN EARLY DAYS  
CANE BRAKE  
POTATO BUG WAS FIRST KNOWN DESTRUCTIVE BUG IN EARLY DAYS  
DISCUSSION CONCERNING GOVERNMENT FARM CONTROL  
TIMBER AND PRAIRIE LAND CONDITIONS IN EARLY DAYS  
SCHOOLS IN EARLY DAYS  
PROGRESS AMONG THE CHEROKEES  
OUTLAWS IN EARLY DAYS  
EARLY DAY PENALTIES - CHICKEN STEALING, ETC.  
EARLY DAY TRAPPING FOR FUR AND SKINS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Theodore Scott was 75 years old at the time of this interview. He was born and raised in the McLain Community in Muskogee County and still lives in McLain. Mr. Scott is a retired farmer. He attended the local school, but did not go away to school as he had rather stay near home and farm. Mr. Scott and his two sisters live on the farm where their family had lived many years.

NOTE: The other interviews on this tape are: Tom Whistler, Ottawa,  
Tom Captain, Shawnee