

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