

T-540-2 (Second of Four Interviews)

ALVIN WEST, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: SOME HISTORY OF TALALA COMMUNITY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

BUSINESS WAS ACTIVE IN EARLY DAYS OF TALALA-PERSONS

SCHOOLS IN THE EARLY DAYS

LARGE RANCHES

FARMING AND PASTURES

CHURCHES IN EARLY DAYS

LITTLE COUNTRY STORES HAVE DISAPPEARED

CEMETERIES

TRAINS ARE ALL GONE-DEPOTS ALSO

MANY CHANGES SINCE EARLY DAYS

ABUNDANCE OF FRUITS RAISED IN EARLY DAYS

LOTS OF PEOPLE LIVED IN THE AREA IN EARLY DAYS

OUTLAWS COME FROM MISSOURI

SQUIRREL HUNTING IN EARLY DAYS

A TERRIBLE CYCLONE

MANY THINGS ARE SEEN WHILE DRIVING AROUND TOWN

ON THE DRIVE - MORE ABOUT TALALA IN EARLY DAYS

OIL AND GAS IN THE AREA AT ONE TIME

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Alvin West is 77 years old. He was born near Westville, Indian Territory and was raised in that area and in the Sumner, Arkansas area. He now lives in Talala, Oklahoma where he has lived for many years. At one time he was a member of the school board and served in community affairs.

NOTE: The other interviews on this tape are: Timpson Chapel Meeting  
Claude Cochran, Cherokee  
Ralph Chamberlain, Cherokee