

T-553-1 (First of Five Interviews)  
INFORMANT: COOPER GRAYSON, CREEK  
INTERVIEWED BY: J.W. TYNER  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: OKTAHA COUNTRY, CREEK SETTLEMENT. OKTAHA  
MEANS "SAND" OR "SANDY"

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTION

OKTAHA POSTOFFICE AND TOWN AND PEOPLE

MORE ABOUT T.A. THOMPSON - GAVE MUCH CREDIT TO PEOPLE

SCHOOLS IN EARLY DAYS AROUND OKTAHA

NAMES OF FAMILIES WHO LIVED IN THE AREA

CHURCHES AND MEETING PLACES

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Cooper Grayson was 66 years of age at the time of this interview. He was born and reared in the Oktaha area, and still lives in this community. He was a member of The Society of American Indians, an organization no longer in existence. Mr. Grayson remembers many of the older Indians of this area and many stories told to him by his family, who were early settlers here.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Julius Pennington, Cherokee  
Ernest Walker, Cherokee  
Andy Thompson, Cherokee  
Henry Clay, Cherokee