

T-193-1 (First of Three Interviews)  
FRANK TYNER, CHEROKEE  
INTERVIEWED BY: J. W. TYNER  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: VARIOUS STORIES ABOUT INDIANS AND INDIAN LIFE

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

EARLY DAY CATTLE PRICES

WOLVES IN TEXAS AND COYOTES IN MAYES COUNTY IN EARLY  
DAYS

STORY - COYOTES WILL KILL SHEEP AND CATTLE

TRUE STORY - FOLLOWED BY A HUGE ANIMAL

SEVERAL STORIES ABOUT SNAKES IN EARLY DAYS

EARLY DAY INDIANS HAD SNAKE BITE MEDICINE

INDIAN DOCTORS AND SOME OF THEIR REMEDIES

HUMOROUS STORY ABOUT THE WOMAN WHO COULD TALK ENGLISH  
BUT WOULDN'T

WHAT IS AN OAT CRADLE

UNCLE LACY HELPED TO RAISE SEVERAL CHILDREN NOT HIS  
OWN

WHAT IS A TURN OF CORN OR MEAL

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Frank Tyner was born in 1889 in the Going Snake District of the Cherokee Nation. His father was Jefferson Tyner who was the first teacher at Stoney Point School (1879), and is one of nine children. He has always been an avid horseman, and has been a cattle rancher all of his life and is still active in this occupation. He is a veteran of World War I and was decorated many times for gallantry in action. Mr. Tyner is also known as a great humanitarian and story teller. At the time of this interview he lived in Miles Community, Craig County, Oklahoma where he has lived for many years. (Frank Tyner who was an uncle of J. W. Tyner, Field Worker died in October 1970 m.c.)

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Fannie Whiteday, Cherokee  
Sam Blossom, Cherokee