

T-217-1 (First of Two Interviews  
STEVE BATTIEST, CHOCTAW  
INTERVIEWED BY: RUTH HANKOWSKY  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: CHOCTAW HISTORY; FAMILY RELATIONS; SCHOOLS, ETC.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

FAMILY LIFE AND EARLY EXPERIENCES

MORE ABOUT SCHOOL

CHIEF ELECTIONS

ROYALTIES

GRAVEYARDS

JAIL AND COURT HOUSE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Steve Battiest is 73 years of age. He lives west of Boswell, Oklahoma where he has lived all of his life. He still lives on his mother's allotment which he inherited when his mother died. Mr. Battiest attended school at Goodland, Chilocco and public school in Boswell, Oklahoma. He is three-fourths Choctaw Indian, but does not speak Choctaw well. He learned the language well when he was young, but has forgotten most of it because is has not been spoken in recent years.

Note: The other interview on this tape is Bob Phillips, Choctaw