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EARL BOYD PIERCE, CHEROKEE
INTERVIEWED BY: CROSSLIN SMITH
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GENERAL SUBJECT: CHEROKEE GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AND LEGAL SYSTEM

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

SELF INTRODUCTION

CHIEF KEELER IS A DEDICATED CHIEF

ONE EXAMPLE OF EFFORTS OF CHIEF KEELER

EXPLANATION PERTAINING TO CASE IN WHICH CHEROKEES WON A
JUDGMENT OF \$14,789,000.00

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE KEELER HAS BEEN CHIEF

VALUE OF NEW INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX PROJECT

HE THINKS CHEROKEES ARE GOOD WORKERS IF GIVEN A CHANGE

THE CHEROKEES DO NOT WANT SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DIVIDES THE CHEROKEE NATION

IN 1901

ADMIRE THE EFFORTS OF CROSSLIN SMITH AND STOKE SMITH

SPEECH BY RALPH KEEN

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Earl Boyd Pierce was born at Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma and has lived in Muskogee County all of his life. He has worked for the United States Government in Muskogee since 1928 and since 1948 has been an attorney for the Cherokee Tribe.