

T-273-1 (First of Four Interviews)
JOSHUA PERRYMAN, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: REMINISCENCES OF CENTRALIA AND OTHER TOWNS IN
NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION
REMEMBERS EARLY DAYS AND GIVES LAND BOUNDARIES
NOT MANY CATTLE IN THE EARLY DAYS - SCARCITY OF WATER
FARMING WAS GOOD IN EARLY DAYS - LAND EROSION LATER
PARENTS CAME FROM ILLINOIS - GRANDPARENTS FROM GEORGIA
VINITA AND OTHER SMALL TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES IN EARLY DAYS,
NEIGHBORS AND OTHER PEOPLE IN YEAR 1891
OZARK TRAIL IS NOT THE JEFFERSON TRAIL
COAL STRIPPING
BUSINESSES AND DOCTORS
LAW AND ORDER IN THE EARLY DAYS - INCIDENTS
BIG CREEK DISTRICT - MOSTLY NEGROES THERE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

At the time of this interview Joshua Perryman was 88 years of age. He is a retired rancher of Centralia, Craig County, Oklahoma and has lived in this same community since 1892. He moved with his family from Missouri and then into Indian Territory when he was a young boy.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Maude Rider Brown, Cherokee
John Hunter, Choctaw
Lucy Croaker, Cherokee