

T-287-2 (Second of Two Interviews)
ED OAKS, CHOCTAW
INTERVIEWED BY: RUTH HANKOWSKY
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GENERAL SUBJECT: TRIBAL COURTS; TRIBAL AFFAIRS; SLAVES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

RANCH LIFE OF MR. OAKS AND MR. THOMPSON
SPENCER ACADEMY AND SCHOOL LIFE THERE
INDIAN MEETINGS AND REASONS FOR SAME
CHOCTAW COOK BOOKS AND SONG BOOKS AND THE BIBLE
CHOCTAW LANGUAGE IS SLOWLY BEING LOST
MENTIONS SEVERAL PROMINENT PEOPLE IN EARLY DAYS
CHOCTAW VOTING AND MUCH ABOUT THE OLD CHOCTAW COUNCIL
HOUSE AT TUSKAHOMA

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Ed Oaks was born in 1890 northeast of Soper, Oklahoma. He now lives in Hugo, Oklahoma and has lived in southeast Oklahoma all of his life. He attended public school in Soper for one year, but obtained the rest of his education at Oklahoma Presbyterian College (OPC) in Durant, Oklahoma.

(Mrs. Oaks is present and occasionally participates in conversation)

Note: The other interview on this tape is Garfield Shoals, Non-Indian.