

T-295-1 (First of Five Interviews)
FLORENCE RONSON, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: OLD SALINE COURT HOUSE; LAST STRUCTURE STILL REMAINING
IN OLD CHEROKEE NATION

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

EARLY DAYS OF AREA AROUND SALINE DISTRICT COURTHOUSE

PEOPLE BUILD WHERE WATER IS AVAILABLE

INCIDENT OF SHOOTING PRISONER

HERBS USED FOR TREATMENT OF AILMENTS

INDIAN PAYMENTS

STORIES CONCERNING KILLINGS IN EARLY DAYS

BUILDINGS IN AREA OF COURTHOUSE,

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Florence Ronson is about 60 years of age. She lives in the Rose Prairie Community in Delaware County. The Ronson family live in the old Saline District Court House which was built in 1870.

NOTE: The other interviews on this tape are: W. O. Hale, Cherokee
Wes Beech, Cherokee
Sam Sloan, Cherokee
Frank Tyner, Cherokee

INTERVIEW SITUATION: This tape was recorded while touring grounds of the old Saline District Court House and much static and interference makes some parts of this tape inaudible. Also, a Mr. Ragsdale is present and participates extensively in this interview.