

T-313-2 (Second of Two Interviews)  
EDITH DUNCAN THOMAS, CHEROKEE  
INTERVIEWED BY: J. W. TYNER  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: PRESERVING FOODS; MAKING SOAP; BURIAL CUSTOMS;  
EARLY DAY ADAIR COUNTY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION  
EARLY DAYS BEFORE ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN OF ADAIR  
SCHOOL AND CHURCHES ABOUT 1900  
MORE ABOUT EARLY DAY LIVING IN AND AROUND ADAIR  
PRESERVING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN GLASS JARS AND  
OTHER VEGETABLES IN CELLARS  
KEPT MEAT IN SMOKE HOUSES  
MAKING SOAP  
PREPARING THE BODY FOR BURIAL  
KIND OF IRON USED FOR IRONING  
COAL OIL USED FOR LIGHTS IN THE HOME  
BUILDINGS AND ROADS NEAR ADAIR  
TOWN NAMED FOR FAMILY CALLED ADAIR  
OPEN RANGE FOR CATTLE AND OTHER STOCK - PLENTY OF  
WILD GAME  
A DRUMMER IN EARLY DAYS IS CALLED A SALESMAN TODAY  
HOTELS AND OTHER BUILDINGS  
MORE ABOUT EARLY DAYS AROUND ADAIR

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Edith Duncan Thomas was born in 1894 in Kansas and moved to Adair County in 1896 at the age of two years and has lived here since that time. She attended the Indian school in Adair.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Jack Whitmire, Cherokee