

INFORMANT: JESS WRIGHT, CHEROKEE
BARON COMMUNITY, ADAIR COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(October 29, 1968. Today I am visiting with Jess Wright, an 82 year old Cherokee of Baron Community, Adair, Oklahoma. Mr. Wright was born in this Community and has spent most of his life here. He relates many things of the history of this old community, its peoples and environment.)

BEGINNING OF TOWN OF BARON

It was named for this creek, this creek was named Baron Fork.

(Baron Fork)

Baron Fork. Right up here. And it was named for Baron Creek. B-a-r-o-n, that's how it is spelled. B-a-r-o-n. The railroad come through here, they give it the name of the creek.

(Course beyond that tis hard to tell how the name Baron got there.)

Yeah. Nobody knows bout that.

(On to that. Well was the railroad through here before there was a town?)

No. Just when the town got here. Old Jim Howard had a store down there (not clear). I guess the town made the Post Office when the railroad run here.

Woman: The railroad went through here, oh I don't know, when I was a child when they put the railroad through. Mama kept boarders. Kept the men that worked. It was in 189-, '96 wasn't it, '95?

(Woman talking in background not clear)

(Well was the town along the railroad at that time or when it started?)

They was just a store here.

Woman: All there was, was just a store.