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PETER KETCHUM, CHEROKEE  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES OF NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA; SOME  
LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION  
TELLS OF EARLY DAYS OF ALLUWE AND CATALE  
TOWN OF KETCHUM WAS NAMED FOR FATHER'S FAMILY  
NAMES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THAT AREA  
EARLY DAYS TRADING AT STORES - EGGS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES  
NEEDED FOR COMMODITIES  
A CREEK THAT FLOWS TWO WAYS  
IN EARLY DAYS HIS FAMILY LIVED WELL - CATTLE - ORCHARD -  
VEGETABLES  
NEIGHBORS WERE WELL SCATTERED - SCHOOLS, WILD GAME AND FISH  
CHELSEA WAS JUST A SMALL PLACE - THERE WERE NO WELL-TRAVELLED  
ROADS  
THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CHANGES SINCE BOYHOOD  
COAL MINING AND WHITE HILL COMMUNITY  
MORE ABOUT CHELSEA IN EARLY DAYS  
TOWN OF FOYIL AND BUSHYHEAD AND OTHER SMALL TOWNS ARE  
DISAPPEARING  
REMEMBERS THE EXCITEMENT OF SEEING FIRST AUTOMOBILE  
TOWNS OF WHITE OAK AND CATALE  
GUNS IN EARLY DAYS  
ENTERTAINMENT IN EARLY DAYS  
THE LITTLE CREEK CALLED FOOL'S CREEK  
TIMBER USED FOR HOMES - LOG ROLLING

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Peter Ketchum was born in 1899 on a farm northwest of Chelsea, Oklahoma and has spent all of his life in this area. He farmed on the family allotment until he retired a few years ago. He attended schools in Dogtown and White Oak.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: George Keys, Cherokee