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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