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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 - ORGHARD -
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