

T-353-1 (First of Four Interviews)  
OTT RAGSDALE, CHEROKEE  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: HISTORY MATERIALS OF EARLY DAY SCHOOLS AND TOWNS  
OF NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTION  
EARLY DAYS AND LOCATIONS OF FAMILY  
THE PROCTOR GUN BATTLE  
SCHOOLS - LOCATIONS  
WASHINGTON CEMETERY  
FRIENDLY CUSTOMS IN EARLY DAYS  
LAWS AND CRIMES IN EARLY DAYS  
BUYING AND TRADING IN EARLY DAYS  
CHURCHES AND A FRATERNAL ORDER CALLED "ORDER OF THE REDMAN"  
KINDS OF TIMBER  
RAISING TOBACCO AND MAKING SORGHUM MOLASSES

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Ott Ragsdale was born in 1885 in Adair County near the Arkansas border. He has lived in his present home in the Good Hope Community in Rogers County, Oklahoma since 1908. He is a retired farmer and a full blood Cherokee.

(Mr. Ragsdale's daughter Viella Ragsdale is present and participates in this interview.)

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Arthur Fox, Cherokee  
Dora Early Tucker, Cherokee  
Ben and Maude Wood, Cherokee