

T-353-4 (Fourth of Four Interviews)
BEN AND MAUDE WOOD, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: HISTORY OF ZENA COMMUNITY; TRADING CENTERS; CEMETERIES;
SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION
SCHOOL HOUSE - CHURCH HOUSE - COURTHOUSE
EARLY DAY CONDITIONS AND CHANGES - BEGINNING OF ZENA
COMMUNITY
SMALL STORES BLACKSMITH SHOP SAWMILL - NO GRISTMILLS
MORE ABOUT LOCATION OF COURTHOUSE AND TRADING CENTERS
OLD CEMETERIES
MR. WOOD WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THE COMMUNITY AND HAS
SEEN MANY CHANGES
MEN HAD TO HELP WORK THE ROADS TO PAY POLL TAX
SCHOOL - EDUCATION LIMITED
TIMBER IN EARLY DAYS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANTS:

Ben Wood is 76 years of age. His wife Maude, is 70 years of age. Both of them were born and reared in nearby Woodward Hollow and have lived in this area all of their lives.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Ott Ragsdale, Cherokee
Arthur Fox, Cherokee
Dora Early Tucker, Cherokee