

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