

T-359-1 (First of Three Interviews)

FRANK WARREN, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY HISTORY MATERIALS; PEGGS TORNADO; STOMP DANCES;

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTION

EARLY DAYS OF PEGGS

RECALLS MUCH ABOUT TORNADO - 1920

ENGLISH AND CHEROKEE LANGUAGE

PEGGS PRAIRIE - FARMING

CATTLE AND HOGS REPLACE FARMING

MUCH MORE ABOUT THE TORNADO

SEVERAL EARLY DAY SCHOOL NAMED

ROADS IN EARLY DAYS - SURVEYING

CEMETERIES

STRIP PAYMENTS - PEGGS WAS A VERY OLD TOWN

STOMP DANCES ARE REALLY RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES

PROCEDURES BEFORE A STOMP DANCE

RAIN AND HIGH WATER

NEGROES USED TO CULTIVATE COTTON

SMALL TOWN OF MELVIN

GIDEON WAS A SMALL TOWN

CONVICTS FROM FORT SMITH USED TO BUILD RAILROAD

SAW THE FIRST TRAIN THAT GROSSED RIVER AT FORT GIBSON

MOLLY TELLS OF TRAIN TRIP - INCIDENTS

HUMOR - INCIDENT CONCERNING DRAFT BOARD

YONKERS WAS A SMALL TOWN

MANY COMMUNITIES RUINED BY BIG DAMS

MURPHY WAS OLD COMMUNITY TOWN - INCIDENT AT WAGON YARD

TIMES HAVE CHANGED - WORKING CONDITIONS NOW

WARRENS HAVE RAISED SEVERAL ORPHANS BESIDES THEIR OWN FAMILY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Frank Warren is 77 years old. He was born in the Melvin Community, which is no longer in existence. His education was obtained from local schools. Mr. Warren is now retired and lives in the Peggs Community. He is a veteran of World War I. Mr. Warren was a blacksmith for 12 years.

Remarks on interview: Mrs. Frank Warren is present and contributes to this interview.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Eva Barrett, Cherokee  
Wattie DeVault, Cherokee