

T-372-1 (First of Four Interviews)  
COMMODORE ROSS, CHEROKEE  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: SOME LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS; PROMINENT INDIANS  
OF THE LOCUST GROVE AREA; HISTORY OF LOCUST GROVE

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTION

GRANDPARENTS SETTLED WHAT IS NOW LOCUST GROVE, OKLAHOMA

DEEP SNOW WHEN HE WAS BORN

WINTERS' Milder - STOREHOUSE FOR ICE

OLD SETTLERS IN LOCUST GROVE AREA

HELPING NEIGHBORS

ROSS FAMILY

U. W. MARSHAL GILSTRAP - WICKLIFF BOYS

SIXKILLER FAMILY

CHANGING TIMES

MR. ROSS STILL VERY ACTIVE

MURDER INCIDENT - BONDS UNNECESSARY FOR INDIANS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Commodore Ross was born January 19, 1886 in The Cherokee Nation, the present Locust Grove, Oklahoma. He is a life-long resident of this area and remembers much of the history of this particular part of Oklahoma. Mr. Ross is still very active, riding his horse at rodeo time and on any occasion necessary. Mr. Ross is a retired farmer and maintains his home in Locust Grove.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Maggie Thompson Ross, Cherokee  
Ora Layton, Cherokee  
Ned Lowrey, Cherokee