

T-372-3 (Third of Four Interviews)  
ORA LAYTON, CHEROKEE  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: SOME HISTORY OF MAYES COUNTY; MURPHY COMMUNITY;  
SOME LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTION  
MURPHY COMMUNITY  
WORKED ON RAILROAD - PEGGS TORNADO  
SCHOOLS  
GOOD FARM LAND BEFORE DAM BUILT  
MOVING CEMETERIES  
- EARLY RESIDENTS  
CEMETERIES  
DROUGHT - FOOD AND LABOR PRICES  
NUMEROUS STORIES AND INCIDENTS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Ora Layton is seventy-four years old. He lives in the Murphy Community of Mayes County, Oklahoma where he was born. Mr. Layton is a retired farmer, logger, section hand and laborer. Most of his life has been spent in this part of Mayes County, except for a short time when he lived in California. He has been interested in the growth of his and surrounding communities and remembers much of its history.

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