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INFORMANT: TOM WARD, CHEROKEE INTERVIEWED BY: J.W.TYNER

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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIAL; HUNTING AND WILDLIFE OF THAT TIME

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

TOWNS OF OLD KETCHUM AND NEW KETCHUM

KOEG RAILROAD CAME THROUGH IN 1914 - WORKED WITH SURVEYORS

EARLY DAYS IN 1894

A PARTNER - BEN HOLF

ROADS - FERRY

MANY OUTLAWS IN EARLY DAYS

MOVED TO COOTNEY FLATS NEAR RYAN, OKLAHOMA

CYCLONE DESTROYED LARGE HOME 1897

KETCHUM FAMILIES

HE AND KETCHUM HUNTED WOLVES TOGETHER

MANY WILD TURKEYS - GEESE - DUCKS - PASSENGER PIGEONS

MANY GRAVES MOVED BEFORE THE DAM WAS BUILT

TOWN OF AUBURN COVERED BY WATER FROM DAM

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Tom Ward was born in Texas near an Old Spanish fort called Billingsley, on the Red River in 1878, in what was then the Choctaw Nation. He now lives in Ketchum, Delaware County, Oklahoma and has lived here since 1894.

NOTE: Two other interviews on this tape are : George Barker, Delaware Scott Secondine, Shawnee