

T-371-3 (Third of Three Interviews)
INFORMANT: TOM WARD, CHEROKEE
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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
KO&G 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