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FRANK TYNER, CHEROKEE

JAMES A. TYNER, CHEROKEE

INTERVIEWED BY: J. W. TYNER

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GENERAL SUBJECT: SCHOOL IN THE FLINT DISTRICT; CHEROKEE MALE SEMINARY;  
STORIES CONCERNING INDIAN PEOPLE; EXPERIENCES IN  
EARLY DAY INDIAN TERRITORY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

EARLY DAY SCHOOL CONDITIONS

CERTAIN PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN THE COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION

PRAIRIE FIRES WERE FEARED

OLD HOUSES AND PLACES

TRAVELING SALESMEN WERE CALLED "DRUMMERS"

BLACK POWDER IN GUN SHELLS

HUNTING BIRDS IN TALL GRASS - BIRD DOGS

OBSERVING HABITS OF PRAIRIE CHICKENS, SQUIRRELS AND QUAIL

COAL DIGGING AND RED COAL

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANTS:

Frank Tyner was born in 1889 in the Going Snake District of the Cherokee Nation. His father was Jefferson Tyner who was the first teacher at Stoney Point School (1879), and he is one of nine children. He has always been an avid horseman, and has been a cattle rancher all his life and is still active in this occupation. He is a veteran of World War I and was decorated many times for gallantry in action. Mr. Tyner is also known as a great humanitarian and story teller. At the present time he lives in the Miles Community, Craig County, Oklahoma. (Frank Tyner who was an uncle of Field Worker, J. W. Tyner, died in October 1970--mc.)

James A. Tyner was born in 1885 in July Springs, Cherokee Nation. He has lived in Tahlequah, Vinita and later Pawhuska all of his life. James A. Tyner and Frank Tyner are brothers (James A. is the father of Field Worker, J. W. Tyner). He attended Cherokee Male Seminary in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Cynthia Downing Ross, Cherokee  
Scott Bradshaw, Osage