

T-377-3 (Third of Three Interviews)
FRANK CASTO, CHEROKEE
MAY HILDERBRAND CASTO, CHEROKEE
INTERVIEWED BY: J. W. TYNER
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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS AND RELATED SUBJECTS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION
DISCUSSION OF A RECORD BOOK FROM TIMPSON
RECORD BOOK INCLUDES INFANT BAPTISMS - OLD SETTLERS
OBSERVES FAMILY ARTIFACTS - PHOTOGRAPHS
HAY BALING IN EARLY DAYS - LEAFHORSE RANCH
SHANAHAN WAS IRISH - MARRIED A CHEROKEE
NOT MANY DELAWARES IN THE AREA
SAM RONEY - INCIDENT - DEER HIDE
TRACES FAMILY ORIGIN
INDIAN ROLLS - CLAIMS
OLD RELICS - HANDCUFFS - 150 YEARS OLD
BOLEN WAS A MULATTO - KILLED PRAIRIE CHICKEN FOR COMMERCIAL USE
WHITE OAK WAS EARLY DAY TOWN
MANY BUSINESS PLACES IN WHITE OAK
CRIMINAL ACTS OF BENDER FAMILY - INCIDENTS
SCHOOLS IN EARLY DAYS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Frank Casto was 82 years old at the time of this interview. His father settled part of the land where he and his wife May live. Frank was born in the Whiteoak Community in Indian Territory. They have been associated with the Timpson Chapel for more than 70 years. Frank is now retired and lives with his wife, May, in Vinita, Oklahoma.

May Hilderbrand Casto is 81 years old. She was born and raised in the Whiteoak Community in what is now Craig County, Oklahoma. She and her husband, Frank, live on the land originally settled by their parents and grandparents. May's father was Reverend Benjamin Hilderbrand and her mother was Mary Fallin. Both were full blood Cherokees.

NOTE: The other interviews on this tape are: John Dry, Cherokee
Fred Falleaf, Delaware