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EZEKIEL, POSTOAK, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: REMINISCENCES OF SCHOOLS, PEOPLE AND
EARLY LIFE

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

OLD PHOTOGRAPHS - IDENTIFICATIONS

MR. POSTOAK AND WIFE WENT TO CHILOCCO AND BACONE
SCHOOLS

REMEMBERS HARD TIMES IN EARLY DAYS

LAMENTS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIANS

LONG PRAIRIE AND SPRING CREEK AREAS

CHURCH ASSOCIATION - ITENERANT PREACHERS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Ezekiel Postoak (he is known as Rev. Ike Postoak) was born near Ardmore, Oklahoma and orphaned at an early age. He attended Bacone College from grades one through twelve. It was at Bacone that he studied for the ministry. He is a full blood Cherokee, 62 years of age, and lives in the Kansas Community, Delaware County, Oklahoma and has lived here for a number of years. Rev. Postoak is pastor of the Long Prairie Indian Church west of Little Kansas, which is one of the churches that make up the Indian Baptist Association.

(Mrs. Postoak is present and makes comments throughout this interview.)

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Vinnie Jones, Non-Indian
Mary Burge, Cherokee
John Armstrong, Cherokee
Elmer Parker, Delaware
Vann Cornelius, Cherokee