

T-382-6 (Sixth of Six Interviews)  
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  
LAMENT 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