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GERTRUDE SCOTT GIRDNER, NON-INDIAN
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GENERAL SUBJECT: SOME LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS; LIVED AMONG THE CHEROKEES; HAS LIVED IN HER PRESENT HOME FOR MOST OF HER LIFE

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BACKGROUND
TAUGHT BY INDIAN HOW TO MAKE CHILI
FAMILY - EMPLOYMENT
FATHER BUILDS HOUSE
VACATION BY WAGON
HELPED WITH HARVEST
FATHER BUILT SEVERAL HOUSES
WEDDING - MOVE TO PORTER
FAMILY VISITS - HUSBAND WAS FARMER
MRS. GIRDNER HAS ONE CHILD
PRODUCTS OF THE FARM
RECALLS FARM WHERE HOUSES ARE NOW BUILT
PICKING COTTON AND FOOD PREPARATION
HULBERT'S POPULATION DECREASED WHEN FARM PROGRAM STARTED
DEPRESSION - WELFARE
MAINTAINED HOME AND FARM AFTER DEATH OF HUSBAND
MAKES CROCHETED RAG RUGS
ADEPT AT KILLING SNAKES
HUSBAND DIED OF HEART ATTACK
NATIONALITY MOSTLY IRISH
EDUCATION
MOTHER DISAPPROVED OF ASSOCIATION WITH INDIANS
DRINKING PROBLEMS OF INDIANS IN HULBERT
RAILROAD IN HULBERT AT ONE TIME
SALE BARN OLDEST BUILDING IN TOWN
INDIAN FAMILIES IN HULBERT
HOTELS
HAS MADE "MOONSHINE LIQUOR" AT HOME
DISCIPLINE STRICT WHEN YOUNG
WELFARE PROGRAM BAD FOR YOUNGER GENERATION
FARMING - NO SUBSIDY THEN
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MANY YEARS
SMALL COLORED BOY SMARTEST IN SUNDAY SCHOOL
COLORED PEOPLE UNWELCOME AT BAPTIST CHURCH

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT

Gertrude Scott (Granny) Girdner is 77 years old. She was born in Missouri near the Arkansas border and moved to Hulbert when she was about 15 years old. After her marriage, she lived in Porter for several years, but moved back to Hulbert where she has lived for many years.