

T-511-4 (Fourth of Four Interviews)
LIZZIE SWIMMER BEARPAW, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS; LIVES ON ORIGINAL ALLOTMENT
WHERE SHE WAS BORN

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION
PEOPLE - PLACES - CHANGES
EDUCATION
FAMILY MEMBERS IDENTIFIED
GRANDFATHER BURIED AT FORT GIBSON - CIVIL WAR
MORE FAMILY MEMBERS
DESTRUCTION - PEOPLE PLUNDERED & THOUGHT GRANDMOTHER HAD BURIED MONEY
OUTLAWS
RECALLS EARLY DAY SETTLERS
REFUSED TO MOVE TO ALLOW POWER LINE TO BE PUT IN THERE
COMMENTS CONCERNING GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES
CEMETERIES - SCHOOL - CHURCH
RECALLS A VERY OLD TOWN - LYONS - RAILROAD
CEMETERIES - SEVERAL

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Lizzie Swimmer Bearpaw was born in 1896. She is full-blood Cherokee and lives west of Stilwell, Oklahoma on her original allotment. Her father was William Swimmer, who was a veteran of the Civil War and her mother was Lucy Pritchett.

Note: Other interviews on this tape are - Lindsey Mayes, Cherokee
Wilson Terrapin, Cherokee
Mary Ballentine, Cherokee