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FRED FALLEAF - DELAWARE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: DELAWARE PEOPLE, THEIR WAY OF LIFE; CUSTOMS AND COMMUNITIES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

CAPTAIN FALLEAF - CEMETERIES COLONEL JACKSON - CEMETERIES DELAWARES - SOME CAME FROM KANSAS - CEMETERIES SCHOOLS - CHILOCCO - HASKELL DELAWARES ARE SCATTERED NOW MUCH PRAIRIE LAND IN EARLY DAYS - TIMBER NOW WILD GAME PLENTIFUL IN EARLY DAYS DELAWARE MEETING GROUNDS BOUNDARY LINE OF DELAWARE NATION WHY DELAWARES NEVER VISIT BURIAL GROUNDS MORE ABOUT INDIAN BELIEFS CONCERNING LIFE FALLEAF CEMETERY TOWN OF DEWEY OIL FIELD AROUND DEWEY HELPFUL TO DELAWARES MUCH PASTURE LAND IN EARLY DAYS INTERESTING TO HEAR OLD TIMES TALK GOOD TIMES GOING TO CHEROKEE DANCES SPEAKING OF GOLD COINS DELAWARES PREFERRED TO SETTLE NEAR STREAMS FOOD - FISH - CRAWDADS - SHRIMP -TURTLES NAMES OF EARLY DAY PEOPLE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Fred Falleaf was born in 1898, in Indian Territory near what is now Dewey, Oklahoma. He attended the local schools while in the grades and graduated from high school at Chilocco. Fred has lived in Caney, Kansas for several years where he worked for Cities Service Gas Company, and Coffeyville, Kansas working for Continental Can Company. He has also lived in Texas, California and Arizona. He is now retired and lives in Copan, Oklahoma.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Ross Bowlin - Cherokee
Frank Tyner - Cherokee
Nola Jones Egnor - Cherokee