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LULU HAIR, CHEROKEE

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TRANSCRIPTION CHECKED BY: MHW

GENERAL SUBJECT:

LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS AND RELATED SUBJECTS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTION

EARLY COOKING AND PRESERVATION OF FOODS

FAMILY

CHANGES IN HULBERT

MAKING CORN

CARE AND COOKING OF MEAT

CRAWLAD DINNER

QUILTING BEES AT CHURCH

OTHER FOODS DURING CHILDHOOD

DESSERTS

MILK AND BUTTER FROM NEIGHBOR

FEELINGS ABOUT WELFARE

LOSS OF HUSBAND

MORE FOODS: WILD ONIONS, POLK SALAD, "RAGGITY BRITCHES"

ROOT MEDICINE

COLD COUGH REMEDIES

USING CATNIP FOR HIVES

OTHER MORE MODERN MEDICINAL USES

IMMEDIATE FAMILY LIFE

MIDWIFE

ONE OF FIRST DOCTORS WAS A COLORED DOCTOR

COME FROM LARGE FAMILY

EDUCATION AND SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Lulu Hair is 65 years old. She was born and raised in a one room log cabin two or three miles outside of what is known as Hulbert. She was a member of a large family, with eleven brothers and sisters. Mrs. Hair attended school up until the 5th grade. She did not understand English when she started to school and this caused her great difficulty. Even though Mrs. Hair is a welfare recipient, she feels that the advent of the Social Welfare System had ruined many Indians. She has been a widow for 26 years and is presently living with a daughter and two grandchildren. She is not a traditional Cherokee and does not attend stomps. She is a Christian belonging to a Cherokee Indian Baptist Church called Swimmer. Her son is a lay preacher at this church. Mrs. Hair is renowned for her beautiful singing voice.