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SWAIN HOLLIS, NON-INDIAN (NEGRO)

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GENERAL SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS STORIES ABOUT EARLY LIFE

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BORN IN MAY, 1870 AND LEFT ALABAMA WHEN A YOUNG MAN
BLUE BACK SPELLER - HE WAS GOOD WITH FIGURES
SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS
LONG WORK HOURS AND LITTLE PAY
NEIGHBORS HELPED EACH OTHER
BUTCHERING WILD HOGS
BROTHERS AND SISTERS SCATTERED IN SEVERAL STATES
HE WAS NURSE TO SMALLER CHILDREN - COOKED BEANS
HONESTY IN EARLY DAYS - LOCKS NOT NEEDED
DIFFERENCE IN TRAVELING TIME IN EARLY DAYS AND NOW
FLU EPIDEMIC IN 1918 - SMALLPOX EARLIER
SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS
REMEMBERS HUNTING WILD TURKEYS - MADE OWN BULLETS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Swain Hollis was born May 9, 1890 in Lamar County, Alabama. He came to Oklahoma in 1906. His education was very limited, but he is alert and has a very good memory. Mr. Hollis lives in Boswell, Oklahoma where he has lived for a number of years.