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CHARLES E. VANDERGRIFF, NON-INDIAN

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GENERAL SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS STORIES ABOUT EARLY LIFE

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

SON EDGAR, TAKES HIM BACK TO TENNESSEE TO VISIT OLD HOME PLACE

LADY FRIEND HELPS PREPARE A LETTER AND PICTURES FOR THE LOCAL
NEWSPAPER

ACQUIRES THREE LADY CORRESPONDENTS - PEN PALS

SEES A CONVICTED MURDERER SHOT ACCORDING TO LAW

EARLY DAYS, CHOCTAWS WOULD RETURN FOR PUNISHMENT AFTER 30
DAYS FREEDOM

FIRST JAIL BUILT ABOUT 1893

TWO BOYS COMMIT MURDER

GERONIMO HAD ENOUGH SCALPS TO MAKE AN OVERCOAT

INDIANS ARE GOOD PEOPLE - HIS DAUGHTER MARRIED AN INDIAN

REMEMBERS SEVERAL FAMILIES WHO LIVED IN THE EARLY DAYS

STORY ABOUT MR. SMALLWOOD

CHURCH AT NELSON, OKLAHOMA AND THE WALKER FAMILY

INDIAN COURT FOR INDIANS

SUE OAKS - 85 YEARS OLD

MORE ABOUT EARLY DAY JAILS AND INDIAN HONESTY

SALLY DURANT - AN INTERESTING PERSON

LOCATION OF SPENCER ACADEMY

A VERY SAD STORY ABOUT THE FIRE AT SPENCER ACADEMY

DEATH OF TUBBY WALKER AND FRIENDSHIP BEFORE HIS DEATH

MORE ABOUT MARKING OF HOGS

FAMILY RELATIONS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Charles E. Vandergriff is 90 years old. He moved to Indian Territory from Texas in 1891, but was originally from Tennessee. He now lives in Hugo, Oklahoma where he has lived for about 67 years. Mr. Vandergriff still has a very good memory of people and events that have happened in his many years of living in this area. He has many Indian friends and relatives.