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LIZZIE BEARPAW, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS AND RELATED SUBJECTS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

FARMING AND RAISING CERTAIN FOODS
RAISED SEVERAL CHILDREN NOT HER OWN
RAISED CHICKENS AND A HOG WHEN 5 YEARS OLD
WORKS - RELATING TO COMMUNITY HELP - MAKING RAIL FENCE FOR HER
HER OWN PHILOSOPHY OF LOVE AND PEOPLE
WHEN MOTHER DIED SHE WAS SO SAD THAT SHE MOVED AWAY FROM HOME
PLACE FOR 15 YEARS
CHURCHES
MOTHER LIKED TO DANCE
A CERTAIN KIND OF BALL GAME DESCRIBED
MORE ABOUT DANCING AND THE FIDDLE DANCE
YARN STOCKING MADE WITH STEEL NEEDLES
AFRAID OF FIRST WHITE MAN EVER SAW
MANY WILD TURKEYS AND DEER IN EARLY DAYS
MOTHER IS LEFT WITH TWO SMALL CHILDREN AND HAS TO WORK HARD
TO MAKE A LIVING FOR HERSELF AND CHILDREN
RETELLS STORY ABOUT THE CHICKENS AND THE HOG
COMMUNITY WORKS AND BUILD A RAIL FENCE
PHILOSOPHY OF LOVE AND PEOPLE AND LOSS OF NEIGHBOR VISITS
HELPED LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WERE HUNGRY IN DEPRESSION DAYS
STORY ABOUT PLANTING A ROOT AND A TREE GROWS
WILD TURKEYS AND WOLVES
MORE ABOUT FIDDLE DANCING
MORE ABOUT OLD DAYS AND REGRETS LOSS OF NEIGHBORS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Lizzie Swimmer Bearpaw was born in 1896. She is full blood Cherokee and lives west of Stilwell, Oklahoma, on her original land allotment.