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AUSLEY WELCH, CHEROKEE
MRS. AUSLEY WELCH, CHEROKEE
INTERVIEWED BY: J. W. TYNER
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GENERAL SUBJECT: EVENTS IN INDIAN TERRITORY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

SOME OF THE CHIEFS FOR OTTAWAS AND SENECAS
HARD TIMES FOR THESE TRIBES AFTER REMOVAL TO OKLAHOMA
TRACES ROUTE HIS FAMILY TRAVELED FROM THE EAST
USED OXEN IN EARLY DAYS FROM TRAVEL AND WORK
LOTS OF WILD GAME IN EARLY DAYS, ESPECIALLY WILD TURKEY
BOUNDARY LINE OF COWSKIN PRAIRIE
A RAILROAD IS BUILT TO GROVE IN 1900
WHY ARE COMMUNITIES NAMED PRAIRIES
PEOPLE DEPENDED ON SPRINGS FOR WATER - TOWN OF GROVE IS ESTABLISHED
EARLY DAY TRAVELERS CAMPED NEAR HIS HOME REGULARLY
FATHER RAISED CATTLE AND HORSES
PEOPLE RAISED GRAIN TO MAKE FLOUR - MILL AT SOUTHWEST CITY
FIRST RAILROAD BUILT NEAR SOUTHWEST CITY IN 1900 - ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN OF JAY
QUALIFICATION OF SCHOOL TEACHERS IN EARLY DAYS
YOUNG TEACHER - FIRST SCHOOL - STORY OF HOGS BEDDED DOWN IN SCHOOL HOUSE
LIVED WITH A COUPLE WHO WERE GOOD TO HER - MRS. GREY HELPED HER TO LEARN THE WAY OF THE COMMUNITY PEOPLE
FATHER HAS A STORE IN ZENA - HE ACCEPTED EGGS IN LIEU OF CASH FOR MERCHANDISE
A LAKE HUDSON IS BUILT AND ACTIVITY OF ZENA IS DIMINISHED

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANTS:

Ausley Welch is 77 years of age. He is a retired electrician and lives in Pryor, Oklahoma and has lived in this area all of his life.

Mrs. Ausley Welch is 75 years of age. She is retired school teacher. She was reared and received her education in Southwest City, Missouri.

Note: The other informants on this tape are: John Armstrong, Cherokee
Andy Byrd, Cherokee
Martha Byrd, Cherokee