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Index side B, first part.

Recording time: 23 minutes

Informant: Wesley Beech, 95 years old, of Cherokee ancestry,  
living in Vinita, Oklahoma.

Subject: Lived on Quapaw Reservation in northern Ottawa County in 1890,  
and tells of life among the Quapaw Indians.  
Moved to Vinita in 1893, and recalls the early days in this town.  
Old Sulphur well in middle of town was water supply.  
Much farming around Vinita in early days.  
Corn piled along railroad awaiting shipment, as no  
elevators or storage in existence.  
Early freight trains pulled maximum of 19 cars.  
Shawnee stomps dances in Shawnee Mills, southwestern Craig County.  
Roads in early days were just trails.  
No lawmen in early day Vinita, and he recalls all  
men wore "sixshooters".