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OWEN GRANT, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS; SCHOOLS; LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

EARLY SCHOOLS AND EXPERIENCES

EXPERIENCE AT WICKLIFF HOME

WICKLIFF BOYS AND THE CHRISTIE BOYS

LOCATION OF THE NINE DISTRICT COURT HOUSES

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NIGHT-HAWKS AND KEETOOWAH GROUPS

DISAPPROVES THE GOVERNMENT TRYING TO TEACH THE CHEROKEE

LANGUAGE TO THE CHEROKEE PEOPLE

WILL ROGERS WAS AN ACQUAINTANCE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Owen Grant was born in 1884 on Cowskin Prairie near what is not the town of Grove, Oklahoma. He moved with his family to the Flint District of Indian Territory and settled near Stilwell. He spent his boyhood in the Cherokee Orphanage at Salina, Oklahoma. His education was obtained at the Flint District School and graduated from Cherokee Male Seminary in 1902. Mr. Grant taught school for a number of years and was later named Postmaster of Stilwell where he retired a few years ago.

Note: The other informant on this tape is: Gazelle Lane, Delaware