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JESS WRIGHT, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: HISTORY OF BARON; PEOPLE AND TOWNS OF THAT AREA
OF ADAIR COUNTY; SOME LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION
BEGINNING OF TOWN OF BARON
INDUSTRY WAS SCARCE IN EARLY DAYS
STORY OF THE OLD CHURCH BUILDING
PEOPLE MADE LIVING BY FARMING AND MAKING RAILROAD
TIES
TOWN OF BARON IS 100 YEARS OLD
SEVERAL SMALL TOWNS AND SEVERAL PEOPLE
KINDS OF FOOD USED IN EARLY DAYS - LOG HOUSES
FOREST FIRES DESTROYED TIMBER AND FENCES
FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS HAVE DESTROYED GOOD FISHING
BEAUTIFUL SCENERY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Jess Wright was born in 1886 in Indian Territory, now Adair County, Oklahoma, in the Baron Community. He followed his father's profession of coffin maker and undertaker for the community. Mr. Wright has lived in the same house for 71 years. His education was received at the local schools in the area.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: John Carlile, Cherokee