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JIM HUGHES, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: ARRIVAL OF CHEROKEES FROM GEORGIA; EARLY DAY TOWNS;
TRIBAL CUSTOMS; PLANTS FOR MEDICINE

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

CHEROKEES WERE BROUGHT INTO NATION AND RELEASED TO SHIFT
FOR THEMSELVES

INDIANS ESTABLISHED LAWS - COURTHOUSE - RED CLOUD DUNCAN
RESENTS TREATMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT

RECALLS EARLY LIFE AT PRESENT HOME

SCHOOL AND CHURCH

INDIANS WERE THANKFUL EVERY DAY - NOT JUST SPECIAL DAY
COMPARES THRIFTINESS OF WHITE MAN AND INDIAN

TRAVEL BY FOOT, WAGON, OR HORSEBACK IN EARLY DAYS

TOWN OF VINITA, LOCUST GROVE, ROSE AND PRYOR

SALT WATER WELL IN MIDDLE OF MAIN STREET OF PRYOR

LOCATION OF OTHER TOWN AND COMMUNITIES IN EARLY DAYS

FARM LAND - FARM PRODUCTS

OPEN RANGE FOR LIVESTOCK - CATTLE AND WILD HOGS

INDIANS ALWAYS HAD A GARDEN - NOT MANY ORCHARDS

FAMILY

RAISED TOBACCO IN EARLY DAYS

DISTRICTS AND COURTHOUSES

SEVERAL SMALL TRIBES - LANGUAGES ARE DIFFERENT

BIBLE GIVES REASONS FOR DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

TRIBES HAD DIFFERENT CUSTOMS AND LIVING CONDITIONS

PLANTS AND HERBS FOR FOOD AND MEDICINE

IN EARLY DAYS, WINTERS SEEMED MORE SEVERE

SPEAKS OF CHANGES IN PEOPLE - USED TO VISIT THE SICK-

BELIEVES IN GOD

INDIANS MADE SALT AT YONKERS

REMEMBERS WICKLIFF BOYS - JUSTIFIES THEIR ACTIONS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Jim Hughes was born in 1885 on Spring Creek in Adair County, Oklahoma, in the Cedar Bluff area near Grand River. He moved with his family to Snake Creek Flats Community in 1894. His first school was Cedar Bluff where he received a limited education, then later Snake Creek School. Mr. Hughes has farmed, cut wood and raised cattle and still lives in this same home in Snake Creek Flats.