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BENNIE WHITEDAY, EASTERN SHAWNEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: INDIAN MEDICINAL REMEDIES AND OTHER EARLY DAY  
HISTORY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

VERY BRIEF INTRODUCTION

MEDICINAL REMEDIES - COMMON ROOTS AND HERBS

HUNTING FOR DEER

USE OF LEAVES FOR FERTILIZERS FOR GARDENS

BELIEVES COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS AND POISONS HELPED KILL

JACK RABBITS

NO DUCKS AND WILD GEESE ANYMORE

REMEMBERS WHEN EVERYONE BUTCHERED HOGS

RAISED SEVERAL KINDS OF CORN

RECALLS WHEN THERE WERE MANY KINDS OF FOWL - SQUARRELS

AND QUAIL

IN EARLY DAYS, COULD GET BLACKPOWDER SHELLS FOR DOLLAR A

BOX

SKUNK OIL FOR MEDICINE

SCHOOLS - TOWN OF OKEE

A BAD WINTER - SLEET ON GROUND THIRTY DAYS

BORN AND RAISED ON OLD DUNCA PLACE

CONCERNING FAMILIES IN THE AREA - YOUNG MUSICIANS

THERE ARE NO BLACKSMITHS TODAY

EARLY DAYS WHEN THEY HAD ROPING CONTESTS

ORPHANS HOME BURNED IN 1903

SCHOOL CONTROVERSY

LIFE OF TRAVELING PREACHER IN EARLY DAYS

LOG ROLLING IN EARLY DAYS

CABIN CREEK BATTLE GROUND

TWO UNCLES WERE PRISONERS OF WAR AND SUFFERED GREAT  
HARDSHIP

MORE ABOUT THE CIVIL WAR CASUALTIES

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Bennie Whiteday was born in 1886. He is a full blood Eastern Shawnee and was born and raised in Carsolowry Prairie, Craig County, Oklahoma and still lives on a part of his original land allotment. He attended a country school at Long Prairie and at Carsolowry. Mr. Whiteday is a retired farmer.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Bunch Payne, Cherokee  
Randle Carpenter, Shawnee  
Gilbert Fallin, Cherokee  
John Armstrong, Cherokee