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GEORGE BARKER, DELAWARE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY DAY FARMING; HUNTING; LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION
PERSONS IN EARLY DAYS - CHIEF BLUE JACKET
OPEN COUNTRY IN EARLY DAYS - HUNTING
DEER - TURKEYS - PRAIRIE CHICKENS - QUAIL
HUNTING SEASONS DISCUSSED - PLACES TO HUNT ARE RESTRICTED
MORE ABOUT HUNTING AND FISHING
EARLY DAYS BEFORE WELCH WAS A TOWN
NO BIRTH CERTIFICATES BEFORE STATEHOOD
EARLY DAY PREACHERS PREACHED IN ENGLISH AND DELAWARE
FISHING ON ILLINOIS RIVER
LAND VALUES - ALLOTMENTS
FATHER FARMED AND RAISED CATTLE - TEXAS CATTLE BROUGHT IN
FATHER AND RELATIVES BUTCHERED TWENTY-SIX HOGS ONE DAY
SCHOOLS
CEMETERIES
GRAIN ELEVATOR - FARMING WAS GOOD
KINDS OF GUNS USED FOR HUNTING IN EARLY DAYS
FATHER HAD HIS CATTLE BRAND (J-) POT OF GOLD BURIED BY BARN
WENT TO CALVERY MISSION SCHOOL - PLAYED BALL
USED TO BE LOTS OF ANTELOPE - WILD DUCKS, GEESE, AND TURKEYS - KILLING CROWS
KILLING WILD TURKEYS
KILLING A MOUNTAIN LION AND A BLACK WOLF
PEOPLE SEEMED TO BE HEALTHIER IN EARLY DAYS - FOOD
BEFORE THE RAILROAD CAME THEY WENT TO CHETOPA IN WAGON FOR SUPPLIES
DREADED PRAIRIE FIRES IN EARLY DAYS
DETAILS OF GOING OUT HUNTING IN OSAGE COUNTY
TOWNS BETWEEN WELCH AND OSAGE COUNTRY - OOLAGAH, SKIATOOK, TALALA, AND GROVE
WINTERS WERE MORE SEVERE IN EARLY DAYS THAN NOW
MORE ABOUT HUNTING
TRUE STORY ABOUT AN EAGLE CATCHING A WILD GOOSE IN MID AIR
AGAINST THE LAW TO KILL EAGLES AND DEER OUT OF SEASON

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

George Barker was born in 1881, four miles west of what is now Welch, Oklahoma. He attended Rogers School which was an Indian school, Calvary Mission School and Male Seminary, and was an active athelete and played on the baseball team. Mr. Rogers was a musician and played the piano for church services.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Tom Ward, Cherokee
Scott Secondine, Shawnee