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ELMER PARKER, DELAWARE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: SOME LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS; SHAWNEE HILLS COMMUNITY LIFE AND MODE OF LIVING

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION
FARMING - HUNTING - FISHING - PLENTY OF WILD GAME
VERY FEW EAGLES - INDIANS USED FEATHERS AND SHELLS
SHAWNEE TRIBE IS DECREASING IN NUMBERS
RECALLS NAMES OF SOME OF THE FAMILIES IN EARLY DAYS
SQUIRRELS, BOBCATS, WOLVES, FOXES, COYOTES
SCHOOLS - TOWN OF CATALE
NAMES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE LIVING NOW
SECRETS KEPT CONCERNING TREATMENT OF VARIOUS AILMENTS
FAMILY CAME FROM KANSAS - ACCORDING TO WHITE MAN, DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MASSACRE AND HONOR
HOW FOLKS BEGAN CALLING HIM BUDDY
FAMILY ALLOTMENTS ALL TOGETHER
REGARDING SNAKES

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Elmer Parker was born in 1890 in the Shawnee Hills Community which is about four miles northwest of Chelsea, Oklahoma and has lived in this place all of his life. Mr. Parker is a full blood Delaware, but speaks both languages (Shawnee & Delaware) as well as English very well. The Shawnee and Delaware Indians shared both customs and languages and methods of living since they all lived in the same area. He is known as "Buddy" to all of his friends and neighbors and is a retired farmer.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Vinnie Jones, Non-Indian
Mary Burge, Cherokee
John Armstrong, Cherokee
Vann Cornelius, Cherokee
Ezekiel Postoak, Cherokee