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LEGEND & STORY FORM
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Indian-Pioneer History Project for OklahomaField worker's name Himmie Birdwell.This report made on (date) August 12, 19371. This legend was
secured from (name) Mrs. Edgar Bean.Address 3908 South Hudson, Oklahoma City, OklahomaThis person is (male or female) White, Negro, Indian,

If Indian, give tribe _____

2. Origin and history of legend or story This story is abouthome made medicines, told by Mrs. Bean who lived among theCreek Indians sixteen years.3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank
sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets
attached 3

Jimmie Birdwell,
Interviewer.
August 12, 1937.

Interview with Mrs. Edgar Bean.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

"Early Day Home Made Medicine"

When Mrs. Bean first moved into the Creek Nation, doctors were hard to get. There would be about one doctor at a town, and sometimes high water or bad roads would make it hard to get to the doctor.

The early settlers made quite a bit of their own medicine from roots, barks, and leaves.

For a cut they would take green castor bean leaves and bind to the cut.

For fever a handful of dogwood roots to a quart of water and boil.

For Colic a strong tea was made out of ragweed,

For Chills a tea was made from the bark of post oak and taken three times daily.

The oak acorns, roasted, are good for skin diseases.

A liver tonic was made out of May apple roots.

For Cancer mix equal parts of red clover, poke root and yellow dock and make into a paste by boiling,

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and bind to the cancer.

For kidney trouble equal parts of horse radish and egg shells were mixed together and boiled into a tea.

For itch boil a large kettle of poke roots in water. After all the strength is boiled out, take a bath in the water.

For sore throat bind hot cabbage leaves to the throat.

For a laxative make a strong tea out of dill and drink three glasses each day.

For Burns bind raw pumpkin to the burn.

Mrs. Bean lives twelve miles southeast of Eufaula.