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HOOLEY DOWNING, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: STORIES; PUNISHMENT FOR CRIMES; SOME LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

GHOST STORIES

WORKING CONDITIONS AND WORKERS

STORY OF THE BROTHER LOSING HIS LEG

A MAN IN TAHLEQUAH MAKES WOODEN LEGS

EARLY LIFE OF HOOLEY'S FAMILY

EDUCATION - INDIAN SCHOOL - PUNISHMENT

MORE ABOUT FAMILY

SERVED AS INTERPRETOR FOR COURT - CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT

OIL LAND AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

PROVING INDIAN LAND RIGHTS

COMMON LAW MARRIAGE

LOG HOUSES WERE USED IN EARLY DAYS

MAIL ORDER MUSIC LESSONS - SMALL BAND - FOUR GERMAN

BROTHERS

STORMS AND TORNADOS

BURNED TERRAPIN SHELLS TO KEEP TORNADOS AWAY

USE OF HOME MEDICINE HANDED DOWN TO NEXT GENERATION

STORY ABOUT LITTLE PEOPLE

ANOTHER STORY

CURING SNAKE BITES

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Hookey Downing was born in 1901 near Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He was born and reared on his original family allotment and still lives in this same location. He has attended schools at Shady Grove and Wyandotte Indian School. Hookey served for a time as interpreter for the District Court at Tahlequah.

(Mrs. Downing is present and participates in this interview.)