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EMMET LOWREY, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY HISTORY OF BRIARTOWN COMMUNITY; SPRING FROG;
FAMOUS CHEROKEE

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

BRIARTOWN AND PEOPLE WHO LIVED THERE

NAMES OF SOME OF FAMILIES WHO LIVED IN THE COMMUNITY

FARM PRODUCE WAS SHIPPED BY RAILROAD

WELL KNOWN OUTLAWS IN THE AREA

BRIARTOWN CEMETERIES - MONEY HUNTERS - STARR RELATIVES

MANY CHANGES IN THE COUNTRY SINCE 1924

IN EARLY DAYS, FATHER CARRIED MESSAGES ON FOOT

ARMY MAJOR, GEORGE LOWREY AND OTHER RELATIVES

PHILOSOPHY CONCERNING MINORITY GROUPS

MORE ABOUT THE STARR FAMILY

CHOCTAW CAPITOL AT WHITEFIELD AT ONE TIME

CONCERNING DOCTORING METHODS AND CURING MENINGITIS AND
SNAKE BITES

ANOTHER SNAKE BITE INCIDENT

VEGETATION MATERIALS WAS CAREFULLY SELECTED FOR USE IN
DOCTORING

ACCOUNTING ABILITY OF PEOPLE WHO WERE EDUCATED

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Emmett Lowrey was born and reared in Briartown, near Stigler, Oklahoma. At the time of this interview he was 73 years old. He still owns his original allotment, but now lives in Stigler. His education was obtained at the Briartown school.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Charles Ross, Cherokee
Jess Mayes, Cherokee