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MRS. LENA CAREY, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT:

LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS AND RELATED SUBJECTS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTION
FAMILY HISTORY
LIVING CONDITIONS YEARS AGO
RAISING FOODS AND COOKING
MAKING COFFEE OUT OF CORNMEAL
EARLY SKILLET
PRESERVATION OF FOODS FOR WINTER
SMOKE HOUSE
LOG HOUSE
EDUCATION
ADDITIONAL EARLY LIVING CONDITIONS
MAKING SOAP
CLOTHING
LANGUAGE
MOSTLY INDIAN PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY
EARLY MEDICINAL USES
HERB DOCTORS
REMEDY FOR MEASLES
SNAKEBITE CURE
COTTONMOUTH BITE
CHANGES IN DIET AFFECTED HEALTH
DETERIORATION OF TEETH CONDITIONS
MAKE-UP IN EARLY DAYS
STOMP DANCES AND RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Lena Soap Carey is 49 years old and is a full blood Cherokee. She was born near Stilwell, Oklahoma and attended school for three years (until the third grade) at a small country school called Salem which was near the present site of Stilwell. She was next to the youngest of the nine children in her family. She now lives with her husband, Luke Carey, in Hulbert, Oklahoma.

NOTE: Luke Carey, husband of Lena Carey, and Maggie Downing are present and participate in this interview. Mrs. Downing translated for Mrs. Carey when she was speaking in the Cherokee language.