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MRS. LENA CAREY, CHEROKEE  
INTERVIEWED BY: FAYE DELPH  
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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.