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ELI STOVER, CREEK

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GENERAL SUBJECT: CHILDHOOD; SPORTS; EDUCATION, ETC.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

CHILDHOOD OF INFORMANT - SEVERAL INCIDENTS

FOOD IN EARLY DAYS

SCHOOLS - HE BECAME AN ATHLETE - BROKE RECORDS

INDIFFERENCE TO GIRLS

MORE ABOUT ATHLETICS

FAMILY RELATIONS

INCIDENT OF SOLDIERS BURNING HIS HOME - LIFE IN THE U.S. ARMY

TELLS SEVERAL OLD TALES AS HE HEARD THEM WHEN A CHILD

REMEMBERS VERY LITTLE ABOUT OLD INDIAN WAYS

EDUCATION AND OLD PAPER CLIPPINGS

EARLY DAY CUSTOMS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Eli Stover was born November 3, 1892. He attended Haskell Institute and later attended college. At school he excelled in sports and Mr. Stover states that his record was second to Jim Thorpe, but did not reach the Olympics. His mother was an Indian doctor. He is a World War I veteran and lives in Eufaula, Oklahoma.

Note: The largest portion of this tape is in Creek language between Lucinda Tiger, Field Worker and Mr. Stover. A summary of the tape was furnished by Lucinda Tiger and is reproduced here. A precise translation of tape has not been made.

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