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CLYDE BLUEJACKET, E. SHAWNEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: HISTORY OF THE SHAWNEE INDIANS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BACKGROUND AND LIFE HISTORY
SHAWNEE TREATIES WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT
TRIBAL LAND
TRIBAL CEMETERIES
FAMILY HISTORY MATERIALS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Clyde Bluejacket, age 68, born near Wyandotte, Oklahoma on the Eastern Shawnee Reservation July 22, 1903. Mr. Bluejacket attended the Seneca Indian School. He now resides at 400 White Bird Avenue, Quapaw, Oklahoma. He is of 7/8 degree Indian blood and is presently Chief of the Eastern Shawnee tribe.

BACKGROUND AND LIFE HISTORY

(What is your name?)

Clyde L. Bluejacket, Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. At present I living in Quapaw, Oklahoma.

(What is your Indian heritage?)

What do you mean?

(Your Indian ancestor?)

Oh! You want the ancestor of the tribe.

(Yes, of you, the family.)

Of the family? Well, of the family I could say that I could go back to the war, where General Wayne defeated the Bluejackets. At Little. Bluejackets Chief fought with Little Turtle Chief of the Yaimi. Which bring one Chief, which bring two chiefs, Bluejackets from the first one, in 1867. When the Absentee settled at Bluejackets Oklahoma. Carl Bluejackets was Chief of the tribe then, which made Two. And from the two, when the Eastern Shawnee tribe, of Ottawa County were chartered in June 26, in 1936. My brother Walter L. Bluejacket, was elected Chief of the Tribe, which he held until death. Followed by Chief Dave Deshang who was followed by Chief Captain, until his retirement a few years back. Then my nephew, Judian Dave Bluejacket was.