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SWAIN HOLLIS, NON-INDIAN (NEGRO)

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GENERAL SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS STORIES ABOUT EARLY LIFE

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BORN IN MAY, 1870 AND LEFT ALABAMA WHEN A YOUNG MAN  
BLUE BACK SPELLER - HE WAS GOOD WITH FIGURES  
SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS  
LONG WORK HOURS AND LITTLE PAY  
NEIGHBORS HELPED EACH OTHER  
BUTCHERING WILD HOGS  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS SCATTERED IN SEVERAL STATES  
HE WAS NURSE TO SMALLER CHILDREN - COOKED BEANS  
HONESTY IN EARLY DAYS - LOCKS NOT NEEDED  
DIFFERENCE IN TRAVELING TIME IN EARLY DAYS AND NOW  
FLU EPIDEMIC IN 1918 - SMALLPOX EARLIER  
SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS  
REMEMBERS HUNTING WILD TURKEYS - MADE OWN BULLETS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Swain Hollis was born May 9, 1890 in Lamar County, Alabama. He came to Oklahoma in 1906. His education was very limited, but he is alert and has a very good memory. Mr. Hollis lives in Boswell, Oklahoma where he has lived for a number of years.