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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.