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LIZZIE BEARPAW, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS AND RELATED SUBJECTS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

FARMING AND RAISING CERTAIN FOODS  
RAISED SEVERAL CHILDREN NOT HER OWN  
RAISED CHICKENS AND A HOG WHEN 5 YEARS OLD  
WORKS - RELATING TO COMMUNITY HELP - MAKING RAIL FENCE FOR HER  
HER OWN PHILOSOPHY OF LOVE AND PEOPLE  
WHEN MOTHER DIED SHE WAS SO SAD THAT SHE MOVED AWAY FROM HOME  
PLACE FOR 15 YEARS  
CHURCHES  
MOTHER LIKED TO DANCE  
A CERTAIN KIND OF BALL GAME DESCRIBED  
MORE ABOUT DANCING AND THE FIDDLE DANCE  
YARN STOCKING MADE WITH STEEL NEEDLES  
AFRAID OF FIRST WHITE MAN EVER SAW  
MANY WILD TURKEYS AND DEER IN EARLY DAYS  
MOTHER IS LEFT WITH TWO SMALL CHILDREN AND HAS TO WORK HARD  
TO MAKE A LIVING FOR HERSELF AND CHILDREN  
RETELLS STORY ABOUT THE CHICKENS AND THE HOG  
COMMUNITY WORKS AND BUILD A RAIL FENCE  
PHILOSOPHY OF LOVE AND PEOPLE AND LOSS OF NEIGHBOR VISITS  
HELPED LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WERE HUNGRY IN DEPRESSION DAYS  
STORY ABOUT PLANTING A ROOT AND A TREE GROWS  
WILD TURKEYS AND WOLVES  
MORE ABOUT FIDDLE DANCING  
MORE ABOUT OLD DAYS AND REGRETS LOSS OF NEIGHBORS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Lizzie Swimmer Bearpaw was born in 1896. She is full blood Cherokee and lives west of Stilwell, Oklahoma, on her original land allotment.