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AMOS BEAN, CREEK

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GENERAL SUBJECT: STORIES AND EVENTS OF INDIAN TERRITORY AND EASTERN OKLAHOMA

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

SELLING AND METHOD OF BALING HAY

HITCHING RIDES ON FREIGHT TRAINS

BEGINNING OF MUSKOGEE AS A TOWN

LOCATION OF SNAKE INDIANS AND WHY SO CALLED

EARLY LIFE IN THE VERDIGRIS RIVER AREA

MANY KINDS OF TIMBER IN RIVER BOTTOMS AND MANY USES

BUILDING HOUSES AND MAKING CLAPBOARD SHINGLES

BUILDING FLOATING BRIDGES

EARLY DAY GRIST MILLS AND FLOUR MILLS - MAKING GRATED BREAD

RED AND BLACK HAWS AND PERSIMMONS USED FOR FOOD

ROOTS AND HERBS FOR MEDICINE

MAKING BIRD TRAPS AND RACCOON TRAPS

MORE ABOUT BUILDING HOUSES AND FIREPLACES

MAKING RAIL FOR RAIL FENCES

MORE ABOUT FIREPLACES - USED FOR COOKING

EARLY DAY TRANSPORTATION - ACROSS COUNTRY

BEGINNING OF LOCAL OUTLAWS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Amos Bean is 86 years old. He is a retired farmer living in Wagoner, Oklahoma. Mr. Bean was born and reared in Oklahoma.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Dora Early Tucker, Cherokee