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PRIMUS DEAN, NON-INDIAN

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GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY EXPERIENCES OF A SEMINOLE FREEDMAN

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

STORY OF FATHER - HOW HE CAME TO OKLAHOMA
EXPERIENCES IN EARLY SEMINOLE COUNTY
MOTHER'S EARLY EXPERIENCES
EXPERIENCES OF BOTH PARENTS DURING CIVIL WAR
FATHER'S FIRST WIVES
EARLY FARMING
EARLY COUNTRY: GAME
EARLY TRADING STORES
CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS
OLD DAYS: BOWS AND ARROWS
SCHOOL
ABOUT BROTHER'S BEING KILLED
INDIAN FOODS
MR. DEAN'S EARLY LIFE
REMINISCENCES OF PARENTS
TREATMENT OF SLAVES
MORE ABOUT FATHER AND MOTHER

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Primus Dean was born in 1896. He was born and raised near what is now the town of Wewoka, Oklahoma and lives in Wewoka at this time. He attended the old Mekasukeey Mission school. His father and mother both came with the Seminoles to Indian Territory from Florida.