

T-287-1 (First of Two Interviews)  
GARFIELD SHOALS, NON-INDIAN (FREEDMAN)  
INTERVIEWED BY: RUTH HANKOWSKY  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE AS A CHOCTAW FREEDMAN; EARLY LIFE HISTORY;  
FARMING, ETC.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

PREFERS AN INDIAN DOCTOR, TOM BETTIS, OVER A TALIHINA  
DOCTOR

FLU EPIDEMIC IN 1918

SMALL POX EPIDEMIC

A DREAM HELPS HIM TO RECOVER FROM SMALL POX

MRS. SHOALS GIVE THE LORD CREDIT FOR RECOVERY FROM FLU

DISCUSSION ABOUT HELL

CHOLERA AND CARBUNCLES CAN BE FATAL

DIFFERENT KINDS OF FEVER ARE HARD TO CONTROL

WHAT IS TICK FEVER

SNAKE BITE AND DIFFERENT KINDS OF SNAKES

COAL OIL IS GOOD FOR SNAKE BITE

COFFEE AND ITS INFLUENCE ON THE BODY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Garfield Shoals is an 81 year old Freedman who was born near Boswell, Oklahoma. His parents were slaves and they came to Oklahoma from Alabama or Mississippi. He does not remember hearing them talk about where they came from or much of their life before moving to Oklahoma. He lives on his original allotment and has lived here since he was allotted this land as a Choctaw Freedman. He was born in 1881.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Ed Oaks, Choctaw