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PETER HUDSON, CHOCTAW

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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS; MEDICINES; SCHOOLS;

MEDICINES; LAW ENFORCEMENT; EDUCATION

## TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BORN AND RAISED NEAR EAGLETOWN, INDIAN TERRITORY
GRANDPARENTS CAME OVER THE TRAIL OF TEARS
SCHOOL ESTABLISHED
LIVING CONDITIONS AND HARDSHIPS IN EARLY DAYS
INCIDENTS CONCERNING EFFORTS TO GO TO COLLEGE
TAKES A JOB WITH BILLY ISCHERWOOD AND STAYS 7 YEARS
ISCHERWOOD OFFERS A PROPOSITION WHICH IS REJECTED
STATEHOOD CAME AND HE IS ELECTED UNITED STATES COURT CLERK
AND RETAINS OFFICE FOR 13 YEARS.

HE IS DEFEATED AND TREATED BADLY BY MEN WHO ON WITH SENATOR PAUL STEWART

WITH HELP OF MAJOR LOCKE AND BILL DURANT, HE GETS A JOB WITH INDIAN AGENCY AND STAYS 12 YEARS

DECIDES TO DROP OUT OF RACE FOR CHIEF OF CHOCTAWS

DISAPPROVES OF PROCEDURE OF APIOINTING CHOCTAW CHIEF CHITO HARJO - WHAT WAS SNAKE INDIAN

CHOCTAWS HAD VERY LITTLE TROUBLE WITH OTHER TRIBES OR OTHER BEOPLE

CONCERNING NEGROES AMONG CHOCTAWS

FAMILY RELATIONS

STORY OF HOW HE MET AND MARRIED HIS WIFE

STORY OF HOW HE WAS TREATED AND CURED OF "CHILLD AND FEVER"
DEFENDENT IN WHISKEY CASE IS ACQUITTED

WHIPPING IS USED AS PUNISHMENT OF LAW VIOLATERS STORY OF ONE CONVICT WHO WAS SHOT FOR PUNISHMENT

## BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Peter Hudson is a full blood Choctaw. He is 90 years old and was born in 1877. He was born and raised near Eagletown, Indian Territory. In his later years he worked with the Indian Agency for 13 years. In the beginning of Statehood, he was elected United States Court Clerk and stayed there for 12 years. He is the nephew of the late Peter J. Hudson, an outstanding Choctaw, and who at one time was superintendent of Tuskahoma Female Academy. Mr. Hudson died in 1969 at his home in Antlers, Oklahoma where he has lived for over 60 years.