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RICHARD MANUS, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS AND RELATED SUBJECTS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

EARLY DAYS IN ENGLAND HOLLOW
NO DIFFERENCE IN CHEROKEES IN ANY LOCALITY - ALL GENEROUS
STORY ABOUT THE FIRST WHITE MAN HE EVER SAW
HUNTING AND FISHING - THREE MILES TO SCHOOL
PICKS HUCKLEBERRIES TO PAY FOR FIRST PAIR OF SHOES
TRUCK FARMING IN EARLY DAYS - NO LARGE FARMS
SHOOTING CORNSTALKS WITH BOW AND ARROW
BALL GAMES WITH TWINE BALLS AND HICKORY STICK
STOMP DANCES
INDIAN STICK BALL GAME - WOMEN AND MEN PLAY
USES A DECK OF CARDS - PLAYED PITCH AND USED HAZEL NUTS
PITCHED ROCKS LIKE HORSESHOE GAME AT PEG IN HOLE IN GROUND
COMMUNITY GATHERINGS - A LOT OF SINGING IN CHEROKEE
COMMUNITY WORKINGS WHERE ALL NEIGHBORS HELPED
A BIG STOMP DANCE - THE WICKLIFF BOYS
THE YOUNGER BROTHERS WERE OUTLAWS
MORE ABOUT THE SHOES HE BOUGHT
NO FOOD - MOTHER HELPED MAKE RAILROAD TIES FOR \$6.40
SHOOTS MARBLIES AND TRADES FOR PENCILS TO USE IN SCHOOL
MOVES WITH MOTHER AND STEPFATHER TO WATTS - BUYS RED WAGON
STEPFATHER WAS QUITE A FIST FIGHTER
USES RED WAGON AND PICKS UP COAL AND ICE AND SAVES HIS MONEY
PEOPLE WERE ROUGH DURING THE EARLY RAILROAD DAYS AT WATTS
REMEMBERS THE FIRST CAR HE EVER SAW
MADE MONEY WITH BEAN FLIP - MEN WOULD GAMBLE ON HIS ABILITY
USED SPECIAL ROCKS INSTEAD OF BEANS IN BEAN FLIP
LIVES WITH AUNT AND UNCLE FOR A TIME - HUNTED WITH BOW & ARROW
AUNT LIZZIE COOKS THE RABBITS AND SQUIRRELS IN FIREPLACE
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SQUAW CORN AND SKIN CORN
PATCHED CLOTHES WERE REGULAR IN EARLY DAYS
SEES A GROUP OF FELLOWS BURN A MAN WHO DIED
LEARNS TO "CALL" AT SQUARE DANCES
MORE ABOUT MAN WHO WAS BURNED
GRANDMOTHER WAS A MIDWIFE DOCTOR
HELPED GRANDMOTHER GATHER MAY APPLE ROOTS TO SELL FOR 1¢ PER POUND
MAY APPLE ROOT USED FOR MEDICINE - SHE CURED SKIN CANCER
GIVES HIM ABILITY TO BE TOOTH DOCTOR - INVOLVES HANDLING A SNAKE
REMEMBERS YEARS LATER AND USES GRANDMOTHERS STORY AND CURES LADY
WITH TOOTHACHE
MORE FRIENDLINESS AMONG PEOPLE IN EARLY DAYS - COMPARES PAY FOR
WORK AS OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Richard Manus was born in 1910 in England Hollow, near Stilwell, Oklahoma. He is well known among his people and is well liked. Richard participates in all Cherokee activities and has a very fine singing voice.