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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.