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BENNIE WHITEDAY, EASTERN SHAWNEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: STATEHOOD LAW; SHAWNEE HILLS COMMUNITY; WILD
GAME; SCHOOLS; BURIAL PLACES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION
EARLY DAY CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS
EARLY DAY CHEROKEE, SHAWNEE, AND DELAWARE GOVERNMENTS
EARLY DAY CONDITIONS - ROADS, CATTLE BRANDS, ETC
TRADING POSTS FAR APART
PLENTY OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF FOOD AT STOMP DANCE
EARLY DAY SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES
WILD TURKEYS, DUCKS, GEESE, AND OTHER BIRDS, FOWL AND
ANIMALS
EARLY DAY LIGHTING AND HEATING IN THE HOME
INCIDENT OF THE COLORED BOY AT CRAWFISH
HAWKS AND GROUND ANIMALS
COODY'S BLUFF
RODEO AT ALLUWE
IN EARLY DAYS, A GOOD MEAL FOR 25 CENTS
MUZZLE LOADER GUNS
EARLY DAY PRICES - LIVESTOCK, FOOD, CLOTHES
OLD INDIAN CEMETERIES
NEARLY ALL OLDER INDIANS ARE GONE
HOME MEDICINES AND VISITING SICK FOLKS
REMEDIES FOR VARIOUS NEEDS
STORMS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Bennie Whiteday was born in 1886. He is a full blood Eastern Shawnee and was born and raised in Carsolowry Prairie, Craig County, Oklahoma and still lives on a part of his original land allotment. He attended a country school at Long Prairie and at Carsolowry. Mr. Whiteday is a retired farmer.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Cherokee National Holiday