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GEORGE WEST, CHEROKEE

BELLE WEST, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: FAMILY HISTORY; SOME LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS; LIVING
CONDITIONS; TOWNS OF WAGONER COUNTY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

TRACES FAMILY HISTORY

ORIGIN OF TOWN OF OKAY

ANTIQUE ITEMS IN AN ANTIQUE BOX ON HAND

BAD TREATMENT BY THE SOLDIERS DURING THE CIVIL WAR.

EARLY DAY CONDITIONS AND CUSTOMS

CEMETERIES - BURIAL CUSTOMS

LAND AREAS DRAINED BY THREE RIVERS AROUND FORT GIBSON

BOUNDARY LINES OF CREEK NATION

SAM HOUSTON'S HOME PLACE

BURIED TREASURE

FISHING

MORE ABOUT SAM HOUSTON'S HOUSE

LITTLE BOY SWALLOWED BY CATFISH

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANTS:

George West was born in 1883 in Indian Territory and has lived in the area of Fort Gibson all of his life.

Belle West was born in 1886 near Fort Gibson, Indian Territory. She has lived all of her life in this area. Her education was received at Three Forks School, Fort Gibson Schools and Cherokee Female Seminary.

(Their son Hurt West is present at this interview and participates in the conversation.)

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Ezekiel Pack, Cherokee