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Index side B. Recording time: 44 minutes.

Informant: Ezekiel Pack, 80-year-old Cherokee,
Welling, Oklahoma

Subject: Mr. Pack was born at Proctor, Ind. Terr. His mother was Ella, a daughter of Zeke Proctor, for whom the town of Proctor was named. He does not remember much of his father, Samuel Pack, who died when Ezekiel was a small boy. He and his mother left Proctor when he was a young man, to live in Hungry Mountain community, where he has spent much of his life. In going to their new home he tells that he and his mother walked all the way from Proctor, carrying their few belongings. At Hungry Mountain they stayed with relatives until he had built a log house. He recalls having traded \$300 and 30 head of cattle for the land. At that time there was much large timber over the land, and fine areas of grassland and cultivation land. This was in the Illinois District of Indian Territory, very much like their original home in the Coalgsnake District.

His grandfather, Zeke Proctor, was a prominent Cherokee, and had considerable land and cattle. He also housed and transported Indian Nation prisoners between courthouses and jails. Zeke was a big man, and on occasion was known to use his gun to settle disputes.

Years after having lived on Hungry Mountain, Mr. Pack relates the time when graves of relatives which were scattered, were moved to the church graveyard at Barber. He tells some of the details about the manner of this work.

He relates an experience in which he was shot by a Willard DuBois at Bunch Store when he was about 25 years old. DuBois was a known badman. Pack was sitting outside the store with his little boy. He reached in his pocket for something and DuBois thought he was going