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GEORGE KEYS, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY HISTORY OF CHEROKEE AND ADAIR COUNTIES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

TELLS OF CHANGES HE HAS SEEN SINCE HE WAS A BOY
TELLS ABOUT LOCATING A STRAY HORSE AND TWO MULES AND DELIVERING
THEM TO THE OWNER IN SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS
PROSPECTED FOR GOLD - PRICE OF LAND HAS INCREASED
IN THE OLD DAYS, NEIGHBORS VISITED EACH OTHER OVERNIGHT
PEOPLE TOOK CARE OF EACH OTHER IN SICKNESS AND DISASTER
MANNER OF PUTTING AWAY THE DEAD
NED CHRISTIE'S DEATH - HIS BROTHER WAS A RESPECTED MAN
A CUSTOM FOR TRAVELLERS TO STAY OVERNIGHT AT FATHER'S HOUSE
OPEN RANGE FOR LIVESTOCK - ABUNDANT TIMBER
CRIMINALS FROM OTHER STATES WOULD COME TO THE TERRITORY TO
AVOID PROSECUTION IN THEIR OWN STATE
MEDICAL DOCTORS WERE SCARCE IN EARLY DAYS
IN THE EARLY DAYS A MAN'S WORD WAS HIS BOND
WELLINGTON WAS A THRIVING TOWN IN EARLY DAYS
COMMENTS ON HOW THE GOVERNMENT MISTREATED THE INDIANS
RELATES HOW THE UNION SOLDIERS TOOK ANYTHING THEY WANTED
DURING THE CIVIL WAR
HOW CHILDREN WERE RAISED IN THOSE DAYS
WOULD DISCOURAGE USE OF TOBACCO

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

George Keys was born in 1894 in the area of Welling, Cherokee County, Oklahoma and has lived in this area all of his life. He is a veteran of World War I.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Peter Ketchum, Cherokee