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BENNIE WHITEDAY, EASTERN SHAWNEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: INDIAN MEDICINAL REMEDIES AND OTHER EARLY DAY
HISTORY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

VERY BRIEF INTRODUCTION
MEDICINAL REMEDIES - COMMON ROOTS AND HERBS
HUNTING FOR DEER
USE OF LEAVES FOR FERTILIZERS FOR GARDENS
BELIEVES COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS AND POISONS HELPED KILL
JACK RABBITS
NO DUCKS AND WILD GEESE ANYMORE
REMEMBERS WHEN EVERYONE BUTCHERED HOGS
RAISED SEVERAL KINDS OF CORN
RECALLS WHEN THERE WERE MANY KINDS OF FOWL - SQUIRRELS
AND QUAIL
IN EARLY DAYS, COULD GET BLACKPOWDER SHELLS FOR DOLLAR A
BOX
SKUNK OIL FOR MEDICINE
SCHOOLS - TOWN OF OKEE
A BAD WINTER - SLEET ON GROUND THIRTY DAYS
BORN AND RAISED ON OLD DUNCA PLACE
CONCERNING FAMILIES IN THE AREA - YOUNG MUSICIANS
THERE ARE NO BLACKSMITHS TODAY
EARLY DAYS WHEN THEY HAD ROPING CONTESTS
ORPHANS HOME BURNED IN 1903
SCHOOL CONTROVERSY
LIFE OF TRAVELING PREACHER IN EARLY DAYS
LOG ROLLING IN EARLY DAYS
CABIN CREEK BATTLE GROUND
TWO UNCLES WERE PRISONERS OF WAR AND SUFFERED GREAT
HARDSHIP
MORE ABOUT THE CIVIL WAR CASUALTIES

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 interviews on this tape are: Bunch Payne, Cherokee
Randle Carpenter, Shawnee
Gilbert Fallin, Cherokee
John Armstrong, Cherokee