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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