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DORA EARLY TUCKER, CHEROKEE.
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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS; ENTERTAINMENT; OUTLAWS;
FAMILY; SCHOOLS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

EARLY DAY PREACHERS AND THEIR PAY CONDITIONS

HONESTY - NO LOCKS ON DOORS IN EARLY DAYS

BUILDING CORN CRIBS - FAMILIES ATTEND CHURCH TOGETHER

HOME LIGHTING AND MUSIC MACHINES

GRANDFATHER LIVED AN ACTIVE LIFE - DIED AT AGE OF 106 YEARS

MOTHER BORN IN TENNESSEE DURING THE CIVIL WAR

PARENTS SETTLED IN ADAIR COUNTY

MORE ABOUT GRANDFATHER

OLD BRASS KEY - CONCERNING STRIP PAYMENTS

COMPARES COOKING METHODS IN EARLY DAYS WITH PRESENT

EARLY DAY NAMES AND PLACES

KENNY DAVIS WAS AN OUTLAW - OTHER OUTLAWS AND INCIDENTS

ONCE AN OUTLAW A MAN WAS NEVER ACCEPTED BY COMMUNITY AGAIN

INGENUITY OF FATHER - "WINDLASS" BUILT - LAND CONSERVATION

BEGINNING OF THE TOWN OF STILLWELL

SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED THERE IN EARLY DAYS

FATHER TRADED PAIR OF SHOP MADE BOOTS FOR CLAIM FROM MR.

DANNENBERG

COMMUNITY LOG-ROLLING TO GET A HOUSE BUILT

SHOPPING CONDITIONS BEFORE THE RAILROAD WAS BUILT

NATURAL CONDITIONS OF THE COUNTRY HAS CHANGED GREATLY

NO JACK RABBITS NOW - NO PRAIRIE CHICKENS - WILD DUCKS AND GEESE

GONE

THERE WERE MANY PASSENGER PIGEONS BUT ARE EXTINCT NOW

WILD HOGS WERE USED FOR FOOD

SOIL CONSERVATION WAS PRACTICED IN EARLY DAYS

SCHOOLS ATTENDED

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Dora Early Tucker was born in 1880 near Stilwell, Oklahoma. Her family moved to the present home in the Bushyhead Community, Oklahoma. Her early education was obtained in the local schools and later completed her education at the Cherokee Female Seminary at Tahlequah.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Ott Ragsdale, Cherokee
Arthur Fox, Cherokee
Ben and Maude Wood, Cherokee