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GEORGE BARKER, DELAWARE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY DAY FARMING; HUNTING; LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

    BRIEF INTRODUCTION
    PERSONS IN EARLY DAYS - CHIEF BLUE JACKET
    OPEN COUNTRY IN EARLY DAYS - HUNTING
    DEER - TURKEYS - PRAIRIE CHICKENS - QUAIL
    HUNTING SEASONS DISCUSSED - PLACES TO HUNT ARE RESTRICTED
    MORE ABOUT HUNTING AND FISHING
    EARLY DAYS BEFORE WELCH WAS A TOWN
    NO BIRTH CERTIFICATES BEFORE STATEHOOD
    EARLY DAY PREACHERS PREACHED IN ENGLISH AND DELAWARE
    FISHING ON ILLINOIS RIVER
    LAND VALUES - ALLOTMENTS
    FATHER FARMED AND RAISED CATTLE - TEXAS CATTLE BROUGHT IN
    FATHER AND RELATIVES BUTCHERED TWENTY-SIX HOGS ONE DAY
    SCHOOLS
    CEMETERIES
    GRAIN ELEVATOR - FARMING WAS GOOD
    KINDS OF GUNS USED FOR HUNTING IN EARLY DAYS
    FATHER HAD HIS CATTLE BRAND (J-) POT OF GOLD BURIED BY BARN
    WENT TO CALVERY MISSION SCHOOL - PLAYED BALL
    USED TO BE LOTS OF ANTELOPE - WILD DUCKS, GEESE, AND TURKEYS -
        KILLING CROWS
    KILLING WILD TURKEYS
    KILLING A MOUNTAIN LION AND A BLACK WOLF
    PEOPLE SEEMED TO BE HEALTHIER IN EARLY DAYS - FOOD
    BEFORE THE RAILROAD CAME THEY WENT TO CHETOPA IN WAGON FOR SUPPLIES
    DREADED PRAIRIE FIRES IN EARLY DAYS
    DETAILS OF GOING OUT HUNTING IN OSAGE COUNTY
    TOWNS BETWEEN WELCH AND OSAGE COUNTRY - OOLAGAH, SKIATOOK, TALALA,
        AND GROVE
    WINTERS WERE MORE SEVERE IN EARLY DAYS THAN NOW
    MORE ABOUT HUNTING
    TRUE STORY ABOUT AN EAGLE CATCHING A WILD GOOSE IN MID AIR
    AGAINST THE LAW TO KILL EAGLES AND DEER OUT OF SEASON

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:
    George Barker was born in 1881, four miles west of what is now
Welch, Oklahoma. He attended Rogers School which was an Indian school,
Calvary Mission School and Male Seminary, and was an active athelete
and played on the baseball team. Mr. Rogers was a musician and played
the piano for church services.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Tom Ward, Cherokee
                                             Scott Secondine, Shawnee