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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 CALVARY 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 COUNTY - 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 1861, 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 athlete 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