T-371-1 (First of Three Interviews) GEORGE BARKER, DELAWARE INTERVIEWED BY: J. W. TYNER INTERVIEW DATE: JANUARY 15, 1969 TRANSCRIBED BY: DARLENE FIELDS PROOFREAD BY: NONA KERR

. 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 DSED 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, JEESE, AND TURKEYS -· KILLING CROWS KILLING WILD TURKEYS KILLING A MOUNTAIN LION AND A BLACK WOLF PEOPLE SEEMED TO BE HEALTHIER IN EARLY DAYS - FOUD 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 DSAJE COUNTRY -OOLAJAH, 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 1001, 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