

T-382-4 (Fourth of Six Interviews)  
ELMER PARKER, DELAWARE  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: SOME LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS; SHAWNEE HILLS  
COMMUNITY LIFE AND MODE OF LIVING

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION  
FARMING - HUNTING - FISHING - PLENTY OF WILD GAME  
VERY FEW EAGLES - INDIANS USED FEATHERS AND SHELLS  
SHAWNEE TRIBE IS DECREASING IN NUMBERS  
RECALLS NAMES OF SOME OF THE FAMILIES IN EARLY DAYS  
SQUIRRELS, BOBCATS, WOLVES, FOXES, COYOTES  
SCHOOLS - TOWN OF CATALE  
NAMES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE LIVING NOW  
SECRETS KEPT CONCERNING TREATMENT OF VARIOUS AILMENTS  
FAMILY CAME FROM KANSAS - ACCORDING TO WHITE MAN, DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN MASSACRE AND HONOR  
HOW FOLKS BEGAN CALLING HIM BUDDY  
FAMILY ALLOTMENTS ALL TOGETHER  
REGARDING SNAKES

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Elmer Parker was born in 1890 in the Shawnee Hills Community which is about four miles northwest of Chelsea, Oklahoma and has lived in this place all of his life. Mr. Parker is a full blood Delaware, but speaks both languages (Shawnee & Delaware) as well as English very well. The Shawnee and Delaware Indians shared both customs and languages and methods of living since they all lived in the same area. He is known as "Buddy" to all of his friends and neighbors and is a retired farmer.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Vinnie Jones, Non-Indian  
Mary Burge, Cherokee  
John Armstrong, Cherokee  
Vann Cornelius, Cherokee  
Ezekiel Postoak, Cherokee