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Field worker's name Roosevelt Derrisaw

This report made on (date) December 30, 1938

1. This legend was secured from (name) Alex Berryhill

Address Okmulgee, Oklahoma

This person is (male or female) White, Negro, Indian,

If Indian, give tribe Creek

2. Origin and history of legend or story This story has been told many times among the family and neighboring Indians. Its origin is unknown.

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached _____

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Roosevelt Derrisaw
Interviewer
December 30, 1937

Interview with Alex Berryhill
Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

The Rabbit and the Old Man.

Once upon a time a rabbit became interested in two girls a certain old man kept in his home. The old man had no wish of anything such as a rabbit to woo his two daughters. The rabbit did some tall thinking. He knew the old man had a great many hogs, so one day the rabbit stole one of the hogs and killed it and kept the tail of the hog. He tried this plan over and over again till the old man began to notice his hogs. He was frightened by his hogs gradually disappearing. One day he called on his neighbors to help him solve the mystery, but no one dared to help him. After a few days had passed the rabbit went to the old man and told him he knew what was happening to his hogs. He said, "Your hogs are digging into the ground and are going under the earth like a rabbit or as moles would", and he said that he knew it to be a fact, as he had seen some of the hogs' tails sticking out of the ground. After the rabbit told this to the old man he was willing to accept any

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kind of help from anyone. So the old man went with the rabbit to the spot where the tails were sticking out of the ground.

The old man was convinced after seeing this so he sent the rabbit back to the house to get two shovels that the two might dig the hogs out. After the rabbit had gone back to the house he told the two girls that their father had consented to his wooing both the girls, but the girls doubted the words of the rabbit. That filled the plans of the rabbit to a degree. All he had to do was to step out on the porch and "holler" at the old man who was out a ways from the house and say, "Didn't you say both of them?" The old man, thinking he meant the shovels, answered, "Yes! I said both didn't I?" So the rabbit won the charm of the two beautiful maidens.