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Field Worker's name Grace Kelley

This report made on (date) June 23, 1937

1. Name George Looney

2. Post Office Address Welbecka, Oklahoma Route 1.

3. Residence address (or location) One mile southeast of Dad's Corner.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month February Day 16 Year _____

5. Place of birth South of Bryant in Okfuskee County

6. Name of Father Joe Siah Looney Place of birth Creek Nation

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Mattie Rainey Place of birth Creek Nation

Other information about mother _____

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and story of the person interviewed. Refer to Manual for suggested subjects and questions. Continue on blank sheets if necessary and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached 7.

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CREEK LAW

by

George Looney
Weleetka, Oklahoma, R. L.

Our first Law Book was made in 1892, beyond that it was Customary Law. It didn't make any difference how much money you had if you were found guilty you had to pay the penalty. You couldn't buy yourself off in that day and time.

ADULTERY LAW OF THE CREEKS

There was no church nor court ground then, it was just a Stomp Ground, where the King was. If they find out that a man and woman of the same clan were doing wrong they were called to stand before the King. When they were asked about this crime if they were guilty they would confess. There were some men there who would hold them and strip their clothes off until they were both naked. It didn't matter how big the crowd was, whether a thousand or a million, they were stripped in front of them. A long scratch was made from the waist to the ground in front and from the shoulder to the ground in the back and it was a bad scratch, too.

Advice was given to them and they were told not to

do the same thing again. If they were caught the second time each had their ears cut off with an old chipped edged knife. In the Old Testament God gave Moses the law. The Indian's way was the way of the Bible because they were the Lost Tribe of Israel. They knew right from wrong before they had read and loved the Bible.

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CORRECT STORY OF THE CLAN KIN OF THE CREEKS

Told By George Looney, Weleetka, Route 1.

Now I don't expect you to believe this story for it doesn't sound reasonable to me, but it was told to me for the truth.

Long years ago the old women could change themselves into different kinds of animals and birds like a magician.

The woman who could change herself to a deer and back again was the ancestor of all the Deer Clan Kin.

My mother was a deer and my father a tiger. I am a deer and my wife is a beaver so my children take after their mother and are beaver. The children always take the name of the mother's clan as their clan name.

CREEK CHIEF IS SELECTED NOT BORN TO BE CHIEF

In the old days the oldest man was chosen for chief because he had lived longest, knew more about what had happened in the past so would know how to do in the future. A young person shouldn't be ahead of or tell an older person what to do.

Sarty Cowe is the oldest man now living in the Creek Nation, but he isn't our Chief. He lives at

Wetumka and could tell some interesting things.

Now they choose the Chief for his smartness and intellect. Rolla Canard, our chief, is Sarty Cowe's nephew. He lives south of Wetumka.