

T-412-1 (First of Two Interviews)
SAM HAIR, CHEROKEE
INTERVIEWED BY: FAYE DELPH
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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS AND RELATED SUBJECTS;
MEDICINE AND FOLK TALES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

WORKED HARD FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD
LEARNED TO READ CHEROKEE BIBLE
DR. WILLARD WALKER HELPED HIM
DR. WALKER INVITES HIM TO COME TO WELLESLEY COLLEGE
TO TEACH CHEROKEE
DOES MANY THINGS TO HELP IN CHURCH AND COMMUNITY
MR. HAIR REQUESTED TO SPEAK OF MEDICINE AND TELL STORIES
INDIAN MEDICINE - HERBS AND ROOTS
TREATMENT FOR ANIMALS
STORY WHICH SAM WROTE - PROPHECY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Sam H. Hair was born April 24, 1924. He was born and raised in the Tahlequah area. He learned to read the Cherokee alphabet when he was about 14 years old, and then started reading the Cherokee Bible. He reads and speaks Cherokee fluently. He is a Deacon in the First Baptist Church and is on numerous committees of the church. He assisted Dr. Walker in writing a primer to teach people to read and speak the Cherokee language and also went to Connecticut at the invitation of Dr. Walker to teach the Cherokee alphabet and language.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Radio Program, Intertribal
(Council Meeting of Five
Civilized Tribes in Anadarko.)