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ROBERT WHITEBIRD, QUAPAW
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GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY TRIBAL HISTORY; SCHOOLS ON RESERVATION;
CURRENT CONDITIONS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

CURRENT CONDITIONS OF THE QUAPAW TRIBE
USE OF THE QUAPAW LANGUAGE IS DIMINISHING
EARLY HISTORY OF THE QUAPAW TRIBE
QUAPAW LAND ALLOTMENTS
SCHOOLS ON RESERVATION
QUAPAW ALLOTTEES
CATHOLIC AND QUAKERS WERE THE LEADING CHURCHES IN
EARLY DAYS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Robert Whitebird, Sr., was born January 17, 1913, near Quapaw, Oklahoma. He is a former chairman of the Quapaw tribe and has been active for a number of years in gathering information concerning the history of the tribe. He has been a participant in recent Quapaw burials and has some knowledge of the ceremony. Mr. Whitebird was instrumental in the organization and operation of the Inter-tribal Council in northeastern Oklahoma, and is President of this organization, which is Inter-Tribal Council, Incorporated. He attended school at Haskell Institute and public schools in Quapaw. He now lives in Quapaw where he has lived since about 1917.

Remarks on Interview: This tape was made in the home of Mrs. Velma Neiberding in Miami, Oklahoma. Mrs. Neiberding, Clarence King and Mr. King's son are present and their comments are included in this interview.