

T-460-1 (First of Two Interviews)
INFORMANT: MATTIE TIMMONS, CHEROKEE
INTERVIEWED BY: B.D. TIMMONS
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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY OF TIMMONS FAMILY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

PERSONAL CONVERSATION
EARLY DAYS OF MATTIE'S LIFE
NEIGHBORS TO YOUNGER BOYS AND WICKLIFF FAMILY
EARLY DAYS AFTER MARRIAGE
A TRIP TO PEGGS IN EARLY DAYS
AUNT ANNA DRINKS RADIUM WATER
LIFE ON THE FARM IN EARLY DAYS
FAMILY MOVED FROM PEGGS TO PAWHUSKA
FRANK TINKER OFFERS TO ADOPT THE FAMILY INTO THE OSAGE TRIBE
HUSBAND MADE AND SOLD TAFFY CANDY - MATTIE MADE AND SOLD HOMINY
VARIOUS KINDS OF JOBS TO MAKE A LIVING IN EARLY DAYS
SQUARE DANCES AND CHURCH - FISHING - A TWENTY-NINE POUND CATFISH
MATTIE MADE MANY SHIRTS FOR OSAGE PEOPLE
MUCH TRAVELING IN EARLY DAYS - CAMPED - INCIDENTS
WENT TO SEE PONCA INDIAN SUN DANCE - INCIDENT ON THE WAY HOME
MATTIE KILLED A HUGE RATTLESNAKE WITH A GUN
MATTIE'S FATHER WAS A REMARKABLE PERSON - GRANDCHILDREN LOVED HIM
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE FAMILIES
MATTIE SERVED THE COMMUNITY AS A PRACTICAL NURSE - INCIDENTS
MATTIE HAS HAD SEVERAL MAJOR SURGERIES
DISCOVERS THAT SIX MONTH BABY HAS HEART ON WRONG SIDE OF BODY
PAUL ALBERT, AN OSAGE
CERTAIN MEMBERS OF FAMILY
STORY ABOUT BOYCE KILLING A FOX
MOTHER AND SON SING A SONG - ON THE LONE PRAIRIE
BOYCE RECALLS MANY PLEASANT THINGS WHILE GROWING UP
TRACES ANCESTRY
MATTIE AND BOYCE DECIDE TO GO VISIT UNCLE BEN HARTNESS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Mattie Timmons was born on October 18, 1885 in Meadville, Missouri. She moved to the Osage Reservation in Pawhuska, Oklahoma in a covered wagon in 1905. She has lived in Pawhuska since that time.

NOTE: The other interview on this tape is Ben Hartness, Cherokee.