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CARMEN FIFE, CREEK
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TRANSCRIBED BY: (A) MONETTE COOMBES
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GENERAL SUBJECTS: PROBLEMS OF INDIANS IN COMMUNITY AND SCHOOLS; SOME LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BACKGROUND
TELLS REASON FOR LIVING IN TWO HOMES
EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION FOR FAMILY
SCHOOL PREJUDICAL PROBLEMS
FORMED PTA AND INDIAN CENTER AND IT'S FIRST PROJECT
POLITICAL EFFORT FOR INDIANS IN COMMUNITY
ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES
ATTEMPT TO REVIVE CRAFTS
CHURCH CAMP MEETINGS
ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES AND HOME EXTENSION MEETINGS
OTHER COMMUNITY EFFORTS
SUCCESSFUL VENTURE OF MAKING A WELL FROM A SPRING IN COMMUNITY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Mrs. Carmen Fife, born on November 2, 1970, near Dustin, Oklahoma. She is of Creek decent. Mrs. Fife has been a long time resident of Dustin and has been an Indian leader in her community. She has worked many years involving herself in the efforts to improve the community's attitude toward the Indian people and the way of life for the Indians there.

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(I'm in the home of Carmen Fife, in Dustin, Oklahoma. And I am now going to let her maybe tell about her life history and what she does, mostly for the Indians. And she is a Creek Indian. When were you born?)

TELLS REASON FOR LIVING IN TWO HOMES

I was born in 1915. November 2, 1915. Near here. It's about three and a half miles from Dustin. North, over in Okfuskee County. And I was raised just half mile from the Graham School, and we have lived in the Graham School District, until last summer, we felt like the school there was inadequate for our children and so we moved over in to Dustin just for the school