

T-618-1 (First of Five Interviews)

MINNIE THOMPSON, SENECA

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GENERAL SUBJECT: TURKEY FORD COUNTRY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

HISTORY OF TURKEY FORD COUNTRY

EARLY DAY SETTLERS

MIXING TRIBAL LANGUAGES

CHILDREN - INDIAN SCHOOLS

MORE ABOUT TURKEY FORD - GROVE, OKLAHOMA

GRIST MILLS - HAD TO TRAVEL MILES TO MILL

FOODS AND CLOTHING IN EARLY DAYS

MEDICINES WERE MADE BY INDIANS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

At the time of this interview Minnie Thompson was 80 years of age. Mrs. Thompson has lived in the Community of Turkey Ford, Ottawa County, Oklahoma all of her life. She is the official caretaker of the Seneca-Cayuga meeting grounds. All of her education was obtained at the Wyandotte Indian School.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Mary Snell Butler, Cherokee
Lucy West, Cherokee
Donna Elliot Vowel, Wyandotte
Maggie Leigh Hardy, Cherokee