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FRANK MILLER, WICHITA

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GENERAL SUBJECT: WICHITA HISTORY; ALLOTMENTS; ECONOMIC PATTERNS;
GHOST DANCE; PEYOTISM

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

THE BAND DIVISIONS OF THE WICHITA
RELATIONS OF THE WICHITAS WITH OTHER TRIBES
ALLOTMENTS AND THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DISPOSAL OF
SURPLUS WICHITA LANDS
RATIONS AFTER THE ALLOTMENT PERIOD
FARMING IN THE OLD DAYS, CONTRASTED WITH MORE RECENT
TECHNIQUES OF FARMING
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RAIN CEREMONIAL
HUNTING AND PREPARATION OF FOOD
THE DECLINE IN RECENT TIMES OF WICHITA FARMING
MODERN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF THE WICHITAS
RELATIONS WITH THE AREA OFFICE
GHOST DANCE AMONG THE WICHITAS
VERY BRIEF COMMENTS ON WICHITA PEYOTISM
COMMENTS ON WICHITA DOCTORING PRACTICES
VERY BRIEF COMMENTS ON SCHOOLS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Frank Miller was born in 1904 and has spent most or all of his life in Oklahoma, the bulk of the time being spent in the Anadarko-Gracemont area. He now lives about five miles north of Anadarko. He is relatively well educated, having been trained both at Riverside, and Chilocco, and he received technical training at the latter institution. He is well informed and articulate about a great number of somewhat contemporary problems related to Indian Affairs (cf. No. 67-Wi which deals with his life history, and his thoughts on Indian Affairs), although his knowledge of Wichita life in the early days is somewhat imperfect. He is a very well acculturated person who reads widely and talks freely both with other Indians and with officials in the Area Office in Anadarko.