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RHODA SUNDAY SIMMONS, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: FAMILY HISTORY; CUSTOMS AND LANGUAGES; PARENTS; EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF INFORMANT HISTORY OF THE SUNDAY FAMILY HAD A PLEASANT CHILDHOOD EARLY DAY COMMUNITY LIFE - CHURCH AND BIG CAMP MEETINGS SINGING AND PREACHING IN CHEROKEE LANGUAGE OLDER CHEROKEES ARE TRYING TO PRESERVE CUSTOMS AND LANGUAGE BROTHER ED WAS AN ORDAINED MINISTER AND HELD MANY PASTORATES EASY LIFE WHILE GROWING UP MOTHER WAS UNEDUCATED BY FATHERS CHOICE EARLY DAY LIFE OF PARENTS BROTHER LIKED TO HUNT AND FISH COMING OF T.V. LAMENTS THE LOSS OF NEIGHBORLINESS AND T.V. INFLUENCE APPRECIATES OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATION

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

MORE ABOUT INDIAN ARTISTIC ABILITY

Rhoda Sunday Simmons was born in 1917. She was born and reared in Cherokee and Mayes Counties and presently lives in the Peggs Community, Cherokee County, Oklahoma. Mrs. Simmons is a full blood Cherokee and a descendent of the Sunday family, prominent early day Cherokee settlers in Indian Territory.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Mamie Mayes, Cherokee
Wilburn Battie, Cherokee
Nancy Wolf, Cherokee
Jefferson Tindall, Cherokee
Jensie Dick, Cherokee