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George Ann Gray Robinson, Fullblood unallotted Osage, daughter of the late Clarence and Jenny Gray.

PARENTS INFLUENCE ON CHILDREN

This is Mrs. Robinson, and I am going to relate just some of the memories that I have as a child. I was born in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, on the old family home and grew up as a youngster there. I have very many vivid memories of my childhood, mostly centered around my father who was mother and father both, having lost my mother at an early age. And some of the things that I remember most vividly to me as a child was a big happy family and with a father that was a very stern disciplinarian whom we loved and had great respect for. And I think this is one of the basis for the happy family that we had, because we knew that he was really and truly not only our father and parent but our friend. And this was the main teachings and the philosophy that he conveyed to us youngsters. I had many brothers and sisters. I came from a family of eleven but some of the children died in infancy and there were in my family, a sister, Mary, and Anna, and Louise, Genevieve, and two younger brothers, Andrew and Clarence. And my dad always made it very pointedly that we be very close to each other and seeing after one another and sharing. Now, I think this is more or less just stating the happy background of a good life with a large family which I felt had reflected in my life, today. In speaking about respect for a parent, I'd like to just make an observation here. In many of the situations and problems confronting, I think, our Indian children today, may be that they are lacking in knowing just what they do want, and proper guidance. I am very happy to think that I had a father for such a short time and he instilled in me such a strong desire to know exactly what I wanted. And I think it was because of his teachings that I felt this, I