

T-288-1 (First of Two Interviews)

ETHEL WHEELER, WICHITA

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GENERAL SUBJECT: GARDENING; PLANTING OF CORN

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

GARDENING

PLANTING OF CORN

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Ethel Wheeler was born in 1900. She and her husband, Joseph live on Ethel's allotment, some five miles west of Fort Cobb and one and one half miles north of State Highway 9. Both are relatively traditional in their outlook, and both are active participants in Wichita affairs. Ethel's brother, Louis Sádoka, is currently chairman of the Wichita Tribal Council. The house in which they live was built in the early twenties and is a typical rural Indian home, in poor repair, but neatly furnished and well-kept. Although there are several out-buildings close to the house, none but the latrine are in use. Ethel maintains a small garden (about an acre) south of the house, in which she grows corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, and Indian "Pumpkins". Both are extremely affable and responsive, and both are interested in talking with interviewers. They are not at all secretive about Wichita culture and affairs, and deal freely with almost any subject which is raised.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Joseph Wheeler, Wichita