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ROSE CARVER, MIAMI

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GENERAL SUBJECT: BAD TREATMENT OF INDIANS BY GOVERNMENT AGENTS;
CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS; SMALL TRIBES IN OKLAHOMA;
INDIAN FOODS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

THE MIAMI TRIBE CAME FROM INDIANA
SEVERAL SMALL TRIBES LIVE IN ONE COMMUNITY IN OKLAHOMA
VERY FEW FULL-BLOOD INDIANS AMONG THE SMALL TRIBES
FARMING WAS THE CHIEF LIVELIHOOD
INCIDENT OF GOVERNMENT AGENTS TAKING TWO GIRLS OFF TO
SCHOOL
CHURCHES AND EDUCATION
INDIAN MEDICINE AND DOCTORING
OLDER SISTER ADMITS HER INDIAN LINEAGE
FUNERAL CUSTOMS
EARLY DAY CUSTOMS, HOUSING, AND FOODS
LIFE AMONG MIAMI INDIANS AFTER LEAVING INDIANA
COMPARES EARLY DAY INDIAN LIFE WITH THAT OF TODAY
CHILDREN WOULD LISTEN TO ELDERS IN EARLY DAYS
GOVERNMENT MOVED THESE INDIANS BY CATTLE CARS AND BY
BOATS
GOVERNMENT MISTREATED THEM BADLY
RETURNS TO INDIANA FIRST TIME IN 65 YEARS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Mrs. Rose Carver was born in 1885 and lives in the Peoria Community, Ottawa County, Oklahoma. She came to Indian Territory in 1893 from Indiana, original reservation of the Miami Indians. She is well informed on the history of her tribe and their present day activities. She attended Quapaw Indian Mission School which was destroyed by cyclone in 1916. Principal Chief of the Miami Indians and some of the council members still live in Indiana and some tribal affairs are still conducted there.