



CHEROKEE NATION

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TO: Margo DelVecchio, Smithsonian
FROM: Wilma P. Mankiller, Principal Chief *WPM*
SUBJ: Photographs from Bureau of American Ethnology

Margo, I am doing a book, part biography, part history, to be published by St. Martin's Press in October, 1993. I want to include some historic photographs. I would like to enlist your help in this endeavor.

There are several photographs of Cherokee women included in Frank M. Olbrechts' completed and edited version of the Swimmer Manuscript and transmitted to the Bureau of American Ethnology, the Smithsonian for publication in May of 1929. If you can obtain copies of the photographs included in the manuscript, along with whatever permissions I would need to reproduce them, I will gladly pay for any associated costs.

Also, if you know of other historic photos of Cherokee people, particularly women, I would love to know about them. I am particularly interested in emphasizing the social, economic and cultural stratification among Cherokees once the Cherokee elite began to adopt the plantation system. I would love to have a sort of southern-belle appearing Cherokee woman and then contrast that with a woman like those appearing in the Swimmer manuscript.

Any help you can give in this endeavor would be appreciated. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Thank you