

T-412-1 (First of Two Interviews)  
SAM HAIR, CHEROKEE  
INTERVIEWED BY: FAYE DELPH  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS AND RELATED SUBJECTS;  
MEDICINE AND FOLK TALES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

WORKED HARD FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD  
LEARNED TO READ CHEROKEE BIBLE  
DR. WILLARD WALKER HELPED HIM  
DR. WALKER INVITES HIM TO COME TO WELLESLEY COLLEGE  
TO TEACH CHEROKEE  
DOES MANY THINGS TO HELP IN CHURCH AND COMMUNITY  
MR. HAIR REQUESTED TO SPEAK OF MEDICINE AND TELL STORIES  
INDIAN MEDICINE - HERBS AND ROOTS  
TREATMENT FOR ANIMALS  
STORY WHICH SAM WROTE - PROPHECY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Sam H. Hair was born April 24, 1924. He was born and raised in the Tahlequah area. He learned to read the Cherokee alphabet when he was about 14 years old, and then started reading the Cherokee Bible. He reads and speaks Cherokee fluently. He is a Deacon in the First Baptist Church and is on numerous committees of the church. He assisted Dr. Walker in writing a primer to teach people to read and speak the Cherokee language and also went to Connecticut at the invitation of Dr. Walker to teach the Cherokee alphabet and language.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Radio Program, Intertribal  
(Council Meeting of Five  
Civilized Tribes in Anadarko.)