

T-460-1 (First of Two Interviews)  
INFORMANT: MATTIE TIMMONS, CHEROKEE  
INTERVIEWED BY: B.D. TIMMONS  
INTERVIEW DATE: APRIL 18, 1968  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY OF TIMMONS FAMILY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

PERSONAL CONVERSATION  
EARLY DAYS OF MATTIE'S LIFE  
NEIGHBORS TO YOUNGER BOYS AND WICKLIFF FAMILY  
EARLY DAYS AFTER MARRIAGE  
A TRIP TO PEGGS IN EARLY DAYS  
AUNT ANNA DRINKS RADIUM WATER  
LIFE ON THE FARM IN EARLY DAYS  
FAMILY MOVED FROM PEGGS TO PAWHUSKA  
FRANK TINKER OFFERS TO ADOPT THE FAMILY INTO THE OSAGE TRIBE  
HUSBAND MADE AND SOLD TAFFY CANDY - MATTIE MADE AND SOLD HOMINY  
VARIOUS KINDS OF JOBS TO MAKE A LIVING IN EARLY DAYS  
SQUARE DANCES AND CHURCH - FISHING - A TWENTY-NINE POUND CATFISH  
MATTIE MADE MANY SHIRTS FOR OSAGE PEOPLE  
MUCH TRAVELING IN EARLY DAYS - CAMPED - INCIDENTS  
WENT TO SEE PONCA INDIAN SUN DANCE - INCIDENT ON THE WAY HOME  
MATTIE KILLED A HUGE RATTLESNAKE WITH A GUN  
MATTIE'S FATHER WAS A REMARKABLE PERSON - GRANDCHILDREN LOVED HIM  
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE FAMILIES  
MATTIE SERVED THE COMMUNITY AS A PRACTICAL NURSE - INCIDENTS  
MATTIE HAS HAD SEVERAL MAJOR SURGERIES  
DISCOVERS THAT SIX MONTH BABY HAS HEART ON WRONG SIDE OF BODY  
PAUL ALBERT, AN OSAGE  
CERTAIN MEMBERS OF FAMILY  
STORY ABOUT BOYCE KILLING A FOX  
MOTHER AND SON SING A SONG - ON THE LONE PRAIRIE  
BOYCE RECALLS MANY PLEASANT THINGS WHILE GROWING UP  
TRACES ANCESTRY  
MATTIE AND BOYCE DECIDE TO GO VISIT UNCLE BEN HARTNESS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Mattie Timmons was born on October 18, 1885 in Meadville, Missouri. She moved to the Osage Reservation in Pawhuska, Oklahoma in a covered wagon in 1905. She has lived in Pawhuska since that time.

NOTE: The other interview on this tape is Ben Hartness, Cherokee.