

T-535-1 (First of Three Interviews)
TOM WHISTLER, OTTAWA
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GENERAL SUBJECT: PERSONAL HISTORY AND SOME HISTORY OF THE OTTAWA
INDIANS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTION BY FIELD WORKER
TRIBAL CHIEFS
EDUCATION
STARTED OUT TO BE A DOCTOR
FATHER WAS OTTAWA CHIEF
ORIGINATION OF OTTAWA TRIBE
SENECA INDIAN SCHOOL ESTABLISHED BY QUAKERS
EARLY CHURCHES
WORK IN THE ENTERTAINMENT FIELD
PRESENT DAY NUMBER IN OTTAWA TRIBE
MEETING FAMOUS PEOPLE DURING CAREER
TALKS ABOUT EARLY INDIAN SETTLEMENTS, PEOPLE ETC.
ORIGINATION OF THEATRICAL NAME "WHITE CLOUD"
EARLY OTTAWA MEETING PLACES

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Mr. Tom Whistler, 85 years of age, lives in Quapaw, Ottawa County, Oklahoma. He was born on the Ottawa reservation near Quapaw. He attended the Seneca Indian Training School at Wyandotte and then to Haskell Institute. Mr. Whistler worked nearly one half a century with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show where he was called "White Cloud". His father was Thomas Whistler, an Ottawa Tribal Chief.

NOTE: The other interviews on this tape are: Tom Captain, Shawnee
Ted Scott, Cherokee