

**THE DORIS DUKE INDIAN ORAL HISTORY PROJECT
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

A Final Report

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As the Doris Duke sponsored Indian Oral History Project at the University of Oklahoma nears conclusion it seems appropriate to review the various aspects of the Project's development and outline the nature of the resulting Duke Indian Oral History Collection. The five-year Project has been a many-faceted attempt to build a collection of primary historical documents relevant to the study of the American Indian. These documents consist of the tape-recorded verbal testimonies of knowledgeable Indian people concerning their history, culture, and philosophy of life. The Project began formally in February of 1967 and is budgeted to end by July 1, 1972, by which time the oral history materials will have been processed, organized, and made available for research purposes as part of the Western History Collections of the University of Oklahoma Library.

Project Personnel, Organization of Activities, and Equipment

The Oral History Project has been implemented through the University of Oklahoma's American Indian Institute. This organization, founded in 1937 and reorganized and expanded in 1951, consists of