

BACKGROUND

(Mrs. Green, an Osage, lives in Hominy, Osage County, Oklahoma. She is over 70 years of age. She knows a great deal about traditional Osage ways and customs. In this tape she speaks sometimes in English and sometimes in Osage.)

DISCUSSES BACKGROUND OF NAMING CEREMONY

Mrs. Maker: He might have to go to the service and we feel bad about that but we can't council him. He's a grown man now. He's 22 years old. But we're just so glad that he wants to take part with his dad. He's got us really busy but he's busy himself.

(Mr. Maker: All but this.)

Mrs. Maker: All but this part. We have to have that done. That's what (Osage name) was saying this morning. I am glad. I am glad that he wanted--honored me, (Osage name) This was given to me (was it). (Osage words) (Osage name) knows it. Otis, he knows it. When he give it to me (sentences in Osage) Told me not to turn him down. Go ahead. (sentence in Osage) They put it in your hand. (sentence in Osage) In the back, early days they don't go name children, anyone. They have went through, some kind of a ceremony, way back. (sentence in Osage) Every clan has that. Your clan has that. They went through it. If they didn't go through--if somebody back here give it to 'em--they got right to go ahead. They get that--they get that good health out of it. (words in Osage) But, if its not give to you (finishes sentence in Osage) That's what they say--that if, you have someone that's left in your hands (words in Osage) you have to fill his order out. What they ask you to do. You have to fill it. That's what they say. (sentences in Osage) in his early days, as the living people knows, different ones has done that. (words in Osage) He didn't finish that. He didn't complete that. At that time they brought this religion. So he dropped it there to go to the religion. (sentences in Osage) They have to go through lot of ways to earn that. But he went, part of the way, but he didn't get that part. And all different things like that, he tells. (words in Osage) And they have to do those things. And you get it then. You earn something. (words in Osage) It wasn't