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ALBERT MAKESCRY, PONCA

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(This is May the 10th, 1969. This is Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Maker, Coage. We are field workers for the American Indian Institute of the University of Oklahoma. We are now this day in the home of Mr. Albert Makescry at west of Ponca City. This time we, will, Mr. Makescry the, has been the past leader of his tribe, and well known, and is now, Albert is the more or less, a layman in his church, and he, this time will give us an interview.) (Albert, this, won't you just hold this here. You don't have to, just hold it like that. It'll go like this. Now, you can begin by telling your name and all your, where you were born, where you live, such as that.) Yeah, that's what I wanna know, some kind of a outline, you know. (We'll kinda, you can go ahead and you can tell, (long pause) You're name, is, go ahead and just talk in there, at ease.)

EARLY LIFE HISTORY

My name is Albert Makescry Senior. I was born in a Ponca reservation, 1893, well then that makes me about 75 years old now. And I lived in reservation all my life. Course, I been other places in United States, but I never have lived in other place but on this reservation. And I went to school when I was of school age, but when I was about 8 or 9 years old, we were handicapped in some way of getting to school but I attended the Ponca boarding school near White Eagle. And then after so many years there, we, the school, the grades, they had up to fourth grade or the fifth grade. And we stayed there until we reached the age of fourteen years. And I stayed in the fourth grade all those years cause