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MARY LANE RED EAGLE; QUAPAW

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GENERAL SUBJECT: QUAPAW WORDS; CLANS; SOME FAMILY HISTORY; MEDICINE
AND HERBS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Mary Lane Red Eagle was born around 1891 on Spring River in northeastern Oklahoma. She lived with an aunt until she was sent to Seneca Indian School at Wyandotte, Oklahoma and then Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas. Her aunt died while she was attending Haskell, and she then went to the Sisters of Loretta Academy in Kansas City. She studied music and was a student at the Kansas Conservatory of Music where she met Madame Schuman Heinke and Lily Pons. Mrs. Red Eagle has traveled extensively and has sung before many audiences. She came back to Miami, Oklahoma to make her home and has lived here for several years. Mary was married to Wa-Go-She, an Osage and inherited his headright when he died. Her first husband was Leroy Red Eagle. Her father was a medicine man (Big Jim Lane).

Note: The other interviews on this tape are:

- Ruby Diebold, Seneca-Cayuga
- William Shawnee, Shawnee
- Language Class, Seneca
- Ruby Diebold, Speaker
- Emelece Reynolds, Cherokee
- Language Class, Seneca
- Robert White, Speaker