

T-653

R.E. FITZGERALD, CHOCTAW

PHILLIP MARTIN, CHOCTAW

FRANK HENRY, CHOCTAW

RECORDED: JULY 25, 1971

TRANSCRIBED BY: RON NOTAH

PROOFREAD BY: MONA KERR

GENERAL SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF MISSISSIPPI CHOCTAWS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

RECOGNIZES DIFFERENCE IN STATUS OF OKLAHOMA AND MISSISSIPPI CHOCTAWS

MISSISSIPPI CHOCTAWS UNDER TRIBAL ORGANIZATION WITH IRA SINCE 1934

OKLAHOMA CHOCTAWS SLOW TO ORGANIZE BUT THERE IS PROGRESS BEFORE 1963, NECESSARY FOR MISSISSIPPI CHOCTAWS TO GO OUT OF STATE TO SCHOOL AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

UNITED STATES CONGRESS IS BEGINNING TO HELP

EARLY HISTORY OF CHOCTAWS

POSSIBILITY OF RECOURSE IN COURT CONCERNING EARLY CHOCTAW CLAIMS

MR. FRANK HENRY, A CHOCTAW LEADER IN MISSISSIPPI

BURIAL CUSTOMS ARE CHANGING AMONG ALL CHOCTAWS - MORE LIKE WHITE MAN

EARLY DAY TRADITIONS ARE SLOWLY DYING

INDIAN STICK BALL GAMES ARE PLAYED OCCASIONALLY

REASONS - PLANS - HOPES FOR SOLUTIONS

MARRIAGE CEREMONIES ARE CHANGING

MORE ABOUT BURIAL CEREMONY

INDIAN DANCES

RECORDINGS OF DIFFERENT DANCES - MUSIC

REMARKS: R.E. Fitzgerald, a Choctaw is superintendent of the Seneca Indian School at Wyandotte, Oklahoma.

Phillip Martin, a Choctaw, is head of the Tribal Council in Philadelphia, Mississippi. This discussion was held in his home.

Frank Henry, a Choctaw, is a native of Mississippi, he attended school at Bacone College and graduated from Chilocco Indian School in 1950. He is with the Indian Health Service in Mississippi at this time.

Note: This tape was supplied by Velma Neiberding, Field Worker, who obtained it from R.E. Fitzgerald.