

Informant: Ed Red Eagle, Osage
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

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(This is Bob Miller with the American Indian Institute of the University of Oklahoma. Today is May 17, 1967. I am talking with Edward Red Eagle, a full-blood Osage Indian, who has been a member of the Osage Council for the past 8 years. Ed is going to talk about his family, his great-grandfather, who was an Indian doctor, and about his early life, and then about the affairs of the Osage Council.)

GREAT-GRANDFATHER IS AN INDIAN DOCTOR

My great-grandfather, which was known as (Indian name), interpreted as "Red Eagle", was living in a log house, a place located in and around Bransdall, Oklahoma. The log house had been standing there for several years, up until the latter part of the thirties that he had resided in. He, my great-grandfather, had passed away in 1902, and it was my understanding from my mother and my father that he was an Indian doctor. In those days, naturally, we didn't have the doctors that we have up today in modern times of having our medical science, in the way of our doctors. So we used - they used the Indian doctor in those days, and my great-grand was one of them. And in that encampment down in that area at that time, which was known as an off-branch of the Pawhuska District here, up in this area here in Pawhuska. He was designated as a doctor in that area for several Osage Indian families. It was my understanding through my mother's interpretations of his days. In 1902 he passed away and he was buried in Pawhuska upon the Bacon Rind Hill as designated where Chief Bacon Rind was buried. Then along with my grandfather and my father, my grandfather's name was also Red Eagle, (Osage name), and that name, Red Eagle, goes along with the first son of the families of each Red Eagle in the man's side of the family - is my understanding, according