

T-80

SADIE WELLER, CADDO

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GENERAL SUBJECT: TURKEY DANCE

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

HISTORY OF TURKEY DANCE

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

HOW THE ORIGINAL DANCE BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH TURKEYS

THE DANCE AND REMARRIAGE TRADITIONS

GIVEAWAYS AT THE DANCE

REVIVAL OF SOME PARTS OF THE DANCE

DANCE COSTUMES

DANCE STEPS

CHASING MEN DURING THE DANCE

EXPLANATION FOR THE FIRST SEVEN SONGS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Sadie Weller was born in 1901. She is half Caddo and half Delaware. At the time of this interview she was 66 years of age. She was reared by her Caddo grandmother and speaks fluent Caddo. Mrs. Weller attended schools at Carlisle, St. Patricks, and Phoenix Indian schools. She now lives two miles west and one mile north of Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Note: This information from Mrs. Weller serves to explain the recording of the Turkey Dance on T-80.