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WAKON IRON, OSAGE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY LIFE IN OSAGE NATION

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

EARLY LIFE AND STARTS TO SCHOOL

LIFE AT BOARDING SCHOOL

HOW OIL MONEY AFFECTED THE OSAGE PEOPLE FINANCIALLY

MARRIAGE CUSTOMS FOR THE GROOM

MEDICAL PRACTICES

TELLS OF THE MARRIAGE OF OLDER SISTER AND INCLUDES
MARRIAGE CUSTOMS

WAKON GIVES INFORMATION ABOUT HIS CHURCH CONNECTIONS

MRS. IRON TELLS OF THE CONCERN AND CONTRIBUTION TO
THE OSAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Wakon Iron is 76 years of age. He lives in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. His parents died when he was very young and he was put in government schools where he lived for eight years and graduated from Pawhuska High School. Mr. Iron was raised by an aunt and uncle. He has been a Baptist Minister and Missionary for many years. Although he was not ordained, he was appointed by the Field Secretary, to be the minister of the Osage Indian Baptist Church. Many years of his life was spent in the ministry of this church, and he retired because of ill health, but still teaches a Sunday School class and participates in other church activities. (Mr. Iron died in 1969--mc)

Remarks on this interview: Mrs. Iron is present and participates extensively in this interview.