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IOLETA HUNT McELHANEY, KIOWA
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GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY LIFE HISTORY; INDIAN MISSION WORK; SUNDAY
SCHOOL CLASSES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

NAME AND BIRTHPLACE

STORY OF HER EDUCATION THROUGH COLLEGE - VERY INTERESTING

BEGAN TEACHING SCHOOL IN COOKSON HILLS

SHE BECAME A SOCIAL WORKER AND LATER A MISSIONARY

PERSONAL ACTION OF THE LEADER INFLUENCES THE PEOPLE AS A
WHOLE

USE OF ALCOHOL IS THE GREATEST PROBLEM THE MISSIONARY
ENCOUNTERS

ATTENDING CHURCH SERVICES AT A LITTLE MISSION CHURCH IN
GEARY, OKLAHOMA

SERMON IS FROM THE 11th CHAPTER OF JOHN

SERVICE CLOSING WITH LORDS PRAYER IN UNISON

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Ioleta Hunt McElhaney was born in what is now near the Wichita Mountains, Saddle Mountain. Her education was obtained from public schools at Rainey Mountain and Mountain View up to the sixth grade and from there she attended Bacone where she finished high school and two years of Junior College and then two years at Keuka College in upstate New York. She taught school near Vian at a special Indian day school and then became a social worker. She and her husband have been missionaries among the Arapahoes of the Geary District for many years and he is now pastor of the Little Mission Church in Geary, Oklahoma.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Memorial Service honoring
Jesse Chisholm, Cherokee and
Chief Left Hand, Arapaho