

T-200-1 (First of Two Interviews)
SAM DICKE, CHEYENNE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS; CHEYENNE HISTORY;
MISCELLANEOUS STORIES; PROBLEMS OF CHEYENNES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BEGINNING OF HIS EARLY LIFE
STORIES OF HOW HIS PEOPLE CAME TO INDIAN TERRITORY AFTER
THE SAND CREEK MASSACRE IN 1864
CHILDHOOD OF MR. DICKE AND LIFE AROUND WATONGA
WENT TO CHILOCCO IN 1917 - LIFE WHILE THERE
INTERESTED IN HIS PEOPLE - ORGANIZED A FARM CHAPTER
ORGANIZED CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO COUNCIL - CONTACT IN WASHINGTON
HE THINKS GOVERNMENT AGENTS INTERFERED WITH PROGRESS OF
INDIANS
COMING OF WPA, CCC, AND APA MEANT DECLINE OF INDIAN PROGRESS
AND THEIR INTEREST IN FARMING
MORE ABOUT CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO COUNCIL
MISHANDLING OF TRIBAL FUNDS AND EFFORTS TO COLLECT
GIVES EXCERPTS FROM WRITTEN NOTES WHICH HE HAS COMPILED TO
WRITE A STORY ABOUT TREATMENT OF INDIANS
PURITANS URGED TAKING OF SCALPS OF ENEMIES - THIS WAS THE
BEGINNING OF THE PRACTICES ABOUT 1637
FINER CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHEYENNES
RELIGIOUS BELIEFS
IN EARLY DAYS, HAND GAMES INDICATED RELIGIOUS ACTION

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Sam Dicke was born October 25, 1902 near Watonga, Oklahoma. He moved to the Thom's area while still a young boy and lived with an uncle, after his parents died. His uncle, Fenton Antelope, sent him to Chilocco to school where he went for seven years. Mr. Dicke has been very active in the Cheyenne tribe, having organized the first Cheyenne-Arapaho Farm Chapter in 1934. He has also been a member of the tribal council and in many areas as advisor and participant. He has operated a store in El Reno, Oklahoma and worked for the telephone company and is now compiling a story about the treatment of Indians. He and his wife, Ruth Brown Dicke, live in El Reno, Oklahoma.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Ruth Brown Dicke, Seminole