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STOKE SMITH, CHEROKEE

INTERVIEWED BY: CROSSLIN SMITH

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GENERAL SUBJECT: CHEROKEE SONGS; MEANING OF RELIGIOUS RITUALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

MR. STOKE SMITH IS THE FATHER OF CROSSLIN SMITH

HE SINGS TWO SONGS IN CHEROKEE LANGUAGE

HE SPEAKS IN CHEROKEE LANGUAGE

INTERPRETS AND GIVES THE MEANING OF THE CHEROKEE
RELIGIOUS RITUALS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

At the time of this interview Stoke Smith was about 75 years of age. He is a full blood Cherokee of Vian, Oklahoma and has lived in this area all of his life. Mr. Smith is one of the traditional historians and a ceremonial chief. He is the Keeper of the sacred fire of the Cherokees. His father was Red Bird Smith, one of the earlier traditional leaders of the Keetoowahs. (full blood Cherokee Band)

Note: Stoke Smith speaks and sings in Cherokee language and the translation (or summary) was made by his son Crosslin Smith.