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SAM OSBORNE, PAWNEE

MRS. SAM OSBORNE, PAWNEE

INTERVIEWED BY: RAMONA OSBORNE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: RELIGION OF THE PAWNEES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

PAWNEES, A RELIGIOUS PEOPLE

USE OF THE PIPE FOR PEACE

THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS FOR THE USE OF "FOUR"

REASONS FOR PLANNING A DANCE

PARTICULAR KINDS OF DANCES

PROCEDURE FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO HAVE A DANCE

DIFFERENT KINDS OF DANCES AND IMITATION OF ANIMALS

MUCH MORE ABOUT THE PIPE DANCE

PAWNEES WERE A VERY RELIGIOUS PEOPLE

DETAIL ABOUT THE PIPE DANCE

PIPE DANCE HELD EVERY FOUR YEARS

LAST ONE HELD IN 1922

REASONS FOR CUSTOMARY EASTERLY DIRECTION

SONGS USED BY PAWNEES - MRS. OSBORNE SINGS PAWNEE SONG

RESENTS GOVERNMENT TAKING THEIR LAND TO BUILD LAKE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANTS:

Sam Osborne was born January 25, 1899. He was born and reared west of Pawnee, Oklahoma and still lives there. Mr. Osborne is a graduate of Haskell Institute at Lawrence, Kansas. He was chairman of the Pawnee Tribal Council from 1965 to 1970 and is still active in tribal affairs. He is a full blood Pawnee and a member of the Pawnee Indian Baptist Church where he serves as Deacon. He retired from Tinker Air Force Base in 1964.

Mrs. Sam Osborne was born September 4, 1904. Mrs. Osborne is also a full blood Pawnee. She is a graduate of Chilocco Indian School. She is a member of the Pawnee Indian Baptist Church where she serves as church pianist.

Note: Ramona Osborne, interviewer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Osborne.