

T-230-2 (Second of Six Interviews)
RHODA SUNDAY SIMMONS, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: FAMILY HISTORY; CUSTOMS AND LANGUAGES; PARENTS;
EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF INFORMANT
HISTORY OF THE SUNDAY FAMILY
HAD A PLEASANT CHILDHOOD
EARLY DAY COMMUNITY LIFE - CHURCH AND BIG CAMP MEETINGS
SINGING AND PREACHING IN CHEROKEE LANGUAGE
OLDER CHEROKEES ARE TRYING TO PRESERVE CUSTOMS AND
LANGUAGE
BROTHER ED WAS AN ORDAINED MINISTER AND HELD MANY
PASTORATES
EASY LIFE WHILE GROWING UP
MOTHER WAS UNEDUCATED BY FATHERS CHOICE
EARLY DAY LIFE OF PARENTS
BROTHER LIKED TO HUNT AND FISH
COMING OF T.V.
LAMENTED THE LOSS OF NEIGHBORLINESS AND T.V. INFLUENCE
APPRECIATES OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATION
MORE ABOUT INDIAN ARTISTIC ABILITY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Rhoda Sunday Simmons was born in 1917. She was born and reared in Cherokee and Mayes Counties and presently lives in the Peggs Community, Cherokee County, Oklahoma. Mrs. Simmons is a full blood Cherokee and a descendent of the Sunday family, prominent early day Cherokee settlers in Indian Territory.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Mamie Mayes, Cherokee
Wilburn Battie, Cherokee
Nancy Wolf, Cherokee
Jefferson Tindall, Cherokee
Jensie Dick, Cherokee