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DAVID QUINTON, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL EXPERIENCES; OBSERVATION OF
INDIAN LIFE; INDIAN CUSTOMS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BEGINS HIS FIRST YEAR IN CHILOCCO INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL IN 1924
MANY OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES: MUSIC, DRAMA, ETC. - ALSO HELPS TO GAIN
STUDENT REPRESENTATION

PRAISES A TEACHER MISS ANTONE WHO ENCOURAGED HIM TO CONTINUE
HIS EDUCATION

DISLIKES MILITARY ENVIRONMENT IN THE SCHOOL
SOCIAL LIFE AT THE SCHOOL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

ATTENDS BACONE COLLEGE - FAMOUS PEOPLE WHO HAVE ATTENDED THERE
HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE FAMOUS GLEE CLUB "THE SINGING REDMEN"

HIS LIFE WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE BALLEU INDIAN DAY SCHOOL
MANY PROBLEMS DURING THE FIRST YEARS AT THE DAY SCHOOL
MANY OF THE STUDENTS HAVE DONE WELL SINCE LEAVING THE SCHOOL
MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HELP TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT FOR THE
SCHOOL ROOMS

EXPERIENCE WITH THE OLDER BOYS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
AND THE PUNISHMENT

MORE PROBLEMS ON OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL ROOM - FOOD SUPPLIES

REMINISCENCES ABOUT FIRST DAYS AT THE DAY SCHOOL

INDIAN SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE COMMUNITY - CUSTOMS AND
RITUALS

WHAT HAPPENED TO CHEROKEE BILL AN OUTLAW

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

David Quinton is 58 years of age. He was educated in Chilocco Indian School where he was active in speech, drama and music. After attending Chilocco for seven years he then went to Bacone College where he was a member of the famous mens glee club, the Singing Redmen. Mr. Quinton has served as principal of the Balleu Indian Day School for 31 years and will retire soon. He is a full blood Cherokee and has lived in this same general area all of his life.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Sixkiller Pickup, Cherokee
Washie Mayes, Cherokee