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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(April 8, 1968. Today I'm visiting with Anawak Webb a full-blood Cherokee of Porter Community, Wagoner County, Oklahoma. She telling of many experiences in her early life and in her original home community of Hulbert Community, Cherokee County.)

PREPARATION FOR BURIAL OF DEAD

(First few sentences are not clear) But we had a washing machine and we made our own soap. We had beds and we had chairs.

(Did you have a fire place too?)

Yes, we had a big fireplace. We just moved into (not clear) I know my uncle was sick and we moved with them. They had a big house.

They had living room, dining room, and three bedrooms -(much not clear)

(Mrs. Webb, back in those early days how did they prepare their dead for burial?)

Well they-when my uncle died they laid him out, and the men take turns staying up all night and the men made the coffin. And the women would serve coffee and they make the coffin outside and they serve these men coffee. And that's all they drink is just coffee. And we didn't have cake like we do now days. You know we serve coffee and cake together now, but they didn't in them days. They just serve coffee to the men and they just hammer there all night long. They be hammer away. I know I was just four years old, no better than four years old and my father built the place. But I remember it. I know I stay right close to mother wherever she's at. They have