

Mrs. Harper: Do you have one of these books? Did you ever see one of these?

(No.)

Mrs. Harper: Now this tells about Osages, and oh gosh! It's a real study if you want to study it. But I never, I've had it all my life.

(Is that the water spider?)

Mrs. Harper: Yeah. Uh-huh.

(What is the significance of that? Didn't the ladies used to put that on their hands?)

Mrs. Harper: Yesh. It says conventional design of the 'spider,' one of the life symbols of the "Honka." This design was tattooed on the back of both hands of a woman to whom is accorded an honor. Some people have that, you know. Grandma had that.

(They had those tattoos that went up their arms, too, didn't they?)

Uh-huh.

(I remember Grandma Lookout had those.)

Mama said that Grandma said my grandpa Wareshe (?) father used to do that.

I don't know his name. I never did know. He used to be the one at a certain time of the year, I guess, he goes about and makes those on the arms:

You can take this book and read on it if you want to.

(O.K.. / I'd appreciate it.)

I never have let anybody have it.

(I'll take good care of it.)

For this great occasion, (laughter), I'll let you take it. And it's--it has--

(tape runs for a few minutes. Words not clear)--No, I don't believe I do.

Mr. Harper: (Words not clear).

SAME BOOK HAS VALUABLE INFORMATION ABOUT OSAGE PEOPLE

Mrs. Harper: Yeah, it's in that book about the--but I don't know about the