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MINNIE ELKINS SMITH, OSAGE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS ABOUT EARLY LIFE

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

SENT TO BOARDING SCHOOL AT AGE OF SIX YEARS - LIFE THERE  
SENT HOME DURING THE WAR YEARS  
EXPERIENCE WITH DENTIST AT SCHOOL  
MARRIED AT AGE OF 13 YEARS  
LIFE ON TRIPS TO MINNESOTA AND COLORADO  
ACTIVITIES IN EARLY DAYS - CAMPING AND DANCING  
DIFFERENT CLANS AND THEIR MEANING  
PEYOTE OR CATHOLIC  
WAR DANCE AND EXPERIENCES DURING THE WAR YEARS  
HUMOROUS EXPERIENCES DURING THE WAR  
LITTLE GIRLS AFRAID OF CERTAIN MEN  
SOME MEN HAD TWO WIVES  
ST. LOUIS SCHOOL AND ST. JOHN SCHOOL  
A MAN NAMED JOHN STINK  
CONVERSATION IN ENGLISH AND INDIAN LANGUAGE  
MISS O'CONNOR, A MATRON  
OTHER STAFF PEOPLE AT SCHOOL  
HUMOROUS EXPERIENCES AT SCHOOL  
SHE HELPED THE MATRON CARE FOR THE LITTLE CHILDREN  
GRANDFATHER RAISED A WHITE GIRL  
THERE ARE OTHER WHITE PEOPLE WHO WERE RAISED BY INDIANS  
COLORED PEOPLE AMONG THE OSAGE PEOPLE  
OTHER FAMILIAR NAMES IDENTIFIED  
AUNT MOLLY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Minnie Elkins Smith is about 65 years of age. She was born in Pawhuska Indian Village. She now lives on her homestead about fifteen miles northeast of Pawhuska. She and her husband Jesse, moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas when they were first married where he taught in a Catholic school. During World War II they lived in Washington State, but moved back to their home after he was injured while working in a Shipyard.