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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.