

INFORMANT: REV. JAMES MARTIN JR., OSAGE
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(Reverend James Martin, 3/4 unallotted Osage from Tulsa.)

FAMILY BACKGROUND

My name is James Martin Jr. I'm an unallotted Indian - Osage. I was born in 1925, in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. My family was a very humble family. My father was Jim Martin. His father was named Martin. Before that, was only recognized by his Indian name. Then name Martin was given to my grandfather in Caclisle because his Indian name was hard to pronounce. So I am the third generation of Martins. My mother, Mary Logan Tolson, she came from a humble family also. John and Mary Logan were her parents, Mary Logan, my grandmother came out of the family of Corndropper. Frank Corndropper was her father. And my grandfather came out of the Logan family of the Osage Nation. The education that I have been able to obtain thus far has not been very much, but has been capable to supply to me the need. I have three years of college, and of course a vast amount of experience to add to the education that I have received formally. I'm a member of the existing Osage PowWow or War Dance Club, rather to speak. And many other tribal clubs - fraternities - that we do have at this particular time. I'm also a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Indian Patrol of the Shrine in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I became a free mason in the Blue Lodge in 1960.

RELIGION IS BASIS OF HIS PHILOSOPHY

My philosophy on life is a simple philosophy. I believe in a good clean life. I have my religion which is a member of the Baptist denomination. And I also participate in some of the other denominations, and believe that there are good people and saved people in all walks of life, so long as they worship God and know the existence of a real and true God. I was ordained a Baptist