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INFORMANT: ROSE ALBERT HILL, OSAGE
PAWHUSKA, OKLAHOMA
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(Rose Alber Hill, full-blood alloted Osage from Pawhuska, Oklahoma.)

TRACES FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS AND TELLS HOW DECISIONS ARE MADE CONCERNING PRECEDENCE FOR MARRIAGES

Her mother's side, that would be her mother's brother. You understand? And if she doesn't have a brother and Mr. Red Eagle, the Red Eagle family was in the next on her side, her mother's side, you know. They take the mother's side and that's how they came in. And when your Uncle Redden was next to the Red Eagles with my cousin. But when I was married off, my father left the Red Eagles off and just took the Red Corn family, you know. But my aunt, she didn't. She let the Red Eagles take the lead. That's the way they do. I'm telling you how they do us, you know. (Irrevelant words)

(The main person is the girl's mother - if the girl's mother had a brother, he is the one that takes the lead.)

Yeah. That's it. Uh-huh.

(And he does all the -)

Uh-huh. He takes the lead. If the girl's mother's brother is living - just like you know. Say if the folks want to marry you off like that, your Uncle Bunny would be the head one. It would be up to him. Doesn't matter what your mom or daddy think, but will be up to him. You understand? That your mother's brother. That's the way it is. I am talking the old way, you know, 'course now days things have changed. But that was in my time, you know.

(Were you married that way? The Indian way?)

Uh-huh. Yes I - your grandfather was the one had the lead there, all the marriage of some of his folks - Gray, Clarence Gray. That was your grandfather. It was his cousin, Neal. They was from Gray Horse, you know. Neal. That's who I was married to. He was - see Mr. Gray and Neal's mother and the West