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NORA THOMPSON DEAN, DELAWARE  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: FAMILY HISTORY; PEYOTE RITUALS; DELAWARE  
CUSTOMS, ETC.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

SELF IDENTIFICATION

FAMILY GENEALOGY

JOHN WILSON RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING PEYOTE TO DELAWARE PEOPLE  
CUSTOMS AND CEREMONIES OF BIG HOUSE SERVICE

IMPORTANCE OF THE CEDAR TREE AND ITS USE AMONG THE INDIAN PEOPLE

SPECIAL DELAWARE WEDDING PROCEDURE

CUSTOMS WHEN A GIRL REACHES PUBERTY

CUSTOMS CONCERNING CHILDBIRTH AND NAMING THE BABY

DELAWARE TRIBE IS DIVIDED IN THREE CLANS

EARLY DAY MODE OF DRESS FOR DELAWARE WOMEN AND MATERIAL USED  
MOCCASINS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

HER EARS WERE PIERCED FOR EAR RINGS WHEN SHE WAS SEVEN YEARS OLD

STORY OF THE ORIGIN OF THE SMOKES BETWEEN OSAGE AND.

DELAWARE TRIBES

DELAWARE BURIAL CUSTOMS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE WIDOW OF THE  
DECEASED

THE NUMBER "12" IS USED IN CHURCH SERVICE

DELAWARE TRIBE ORIGINATED IN PENNSYLVANIA

**BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:**

Nora Thompson Dean was born east of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. She is full blood Delaware and now lives in Dewey where she has lived for a number of years. Her first school was a country school, Midway. She finished high school at Dewey and also has had some nurses training in Tulsa, at Morningside Hospital. Mrs. Dean speaks both English and Delaware language.

(Nora Thompson Dean, full blood Delaware from Dewey, Oklahoma.)

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