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SYLVESTER TINKER, OSAGE

INTERVIEWED BY: ROBERT L. MILLER

INTERVIEW DATE: MAY 25, 1967

GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY DAYS OF OSAGES BEFORE AND AFTER COMING
TO OSAGE COUNTY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

OSAGES CAME DOWN FROM KANSAS ABOUT 1871
HOW THE OSAGES BROKE HORSES IN THE EARLY DAYS
OSAGES GO ON LONG BUFFALO HUNTS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Sylvester Tinker was 64 years of age at the time of this interview. He was born and reared in Pawhuska, Oklahoma and still lives there at the present time. Sylvester is a member of a prominent Osage family. Tinker Air Force Base was named in honor of his cousin General Clarence Tinker. He is a member of the Catholic Church in Pawhuska, a member of the Governor's Interstate Indian Council, Governor's Commission for full employment and the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission.

(Sylvester Tinker was elected as Chief of the Osage Tribe in 1970.)