

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(--of the University of Oklahoma. Today is November 14, 1968. We are in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Waters of Ponca City, Oklahoma. I am Mrs. Katherine Morrell Maker, 45 years of age, full blood Osage Indian from Hominy, Oklahoma. We are here to tell the history of an Osage Day celebration and it's President, Leonard Maker. The leadership of the Osage Day Celebration is the only one in existence today in the Osage Tribe, which is handed down from one generation to another. Mr. Maker has served as Osage Tribal Director in the American Indian Exposition, for the past twelve years, and now, Mr. Maker.)

I am Leonard Maker, full blood Osage Indian, 50 years old. My father was Ross Maker, full blood Osage Indian. My mother, Marie Maker, and also full blood Osage. I am married to Katherine Morrell Maker, full blood Osage and I have one son, Leonard Morrell Maker, who is in his final year at the University of Oklahoma.

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 28 AS OSAGE DAY IN 1930

The history of the Osage day celebration, began in the early 20's. In the early 20's, a group of prominent Osage Indians of Hominy, gathered to commemorate what one might say, rejoice in the great wealth which we share, which the tribe shares equally. Their thoughts were centered around a chief whose great intellect and courage led his people to the great Osage Nation as it is known today. Then, the group centered their thoughts on this decision of sharing equally, the mineral rights made by several of the leaders of the tribe. To the leaders, we have attribute to a better education, modern way of living and acceptance to national religion. In the 30's, the proper proclamation was issued to the tribe, designating September 28th, as Osage Day. From the original group of Hominy Osages, Mr. Francis Claremore conceived the