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CHARLIE JOHNSON, SEMINOLE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE IN SEMINOLE COUNTY BEFORE STATEHOOD;
SEMINOLE CLANS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

CLANS AMONG THE SEMINOLES

MARITAL RESTRICTIONS AMONG CLANS

BIRTH PLACE AND FAMILY RELATIONS

ATTENDED MEKASUKEY MISSION

JOBS AFTER FINISHING SCHOOL AT CHILOCCO

LIFE AT MEKASUKEY MISSION

CHILDREN OF FREEDMEN AND SCHOOLS

FIGHTING BETWEEN INDIAN CHILDREN AND NEGRO CHILDREN

CERTAIN PEOPLE NOW LIVING WHO WERE SCHOOL FRIENDS

STAFF AT MEKASUKEY

INDIAN LANGUAGE AT SCHOOL

EXERCISE AND DRILLS AT CHILOCCO AND UNIFORMS

CHURCH ON SUNDAY

GRANDFATHER WAS A COBBLER

UNCLE WAS A MEDICINE MAN -) STORIES

INDIAN DANCE GROUNDS NEAR SEMINOLE

FATHER'S BROTHERS AND SISTERS

MOTHER'S BROTHERS AND SISTERS

INDIAN BALL GAMES

STORIES - HYPNOTISM - WITCHES

INDIAN DOCTORS ALWAYS PRAY TO GOD

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Charlie Johnson was born in 1901 at Wewoka, Oklahoma in the Indian Baptist Churchyard. He received his formal education at Mekasukey Mission in Wewoka, where he attended for seven years, then went to Chilocco where he graduated from high school in 1923. Mr. Johnson lived southwest of Wewoka on his father's allotment until about 1925, when he returned to Chilocco to work for eight years for the Indian Department. He served in the Armed Forces for six months and was released to work in Wichita, Kansas for Boeing Aircraft Corporation. He retired from Boeing after working there for eight years and he and his family retired to their present home west of Anadarko, Oklahoma.