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(This is Leonard Maker. I am on this day November 20, 1968, I am in Hominy, Oklahoma, recording, interviewing my wife, Mrs. Leonard Maker on this day.)

HOW THE HANDGAME WAS GIVEN TO THE OSAGE PEOPLE

The story of the handgame, how it was presented to our Osage people as told to me by my aunt, Mrs. Mary Morrell Russell. Mrs. Russell is full-blood Osage. One of the very few original allottees living today. In the early 20's, a large group of Cheyenne Indians was passing through Hominy on their way home to the western part of our state today, as it is today. These Cheyenne Indians asked Mr. and Mrs. John Abbot if they could spend the night at their camp, which was west of Hominy. Mr. Abbot agreed and told them to make their camp at his place. During the first night these Cheyenne Indians wanted to have a handgame and teach the Osages how to play the game. So, Mrs. Abbott came to my Aunt Mary Russell and invited her and her sister, Mrs. Nellie Barnes to this handgame and learn to play. It was a cold winter night, but they wanted to go and learn this new game, so they went. When they arrived at this camp the handgame was being held in the summerhouse, which all Osages had for entertainment and feasts. It was a large room, held about maybe 200 people. When they arrived, these Cheyenne Indians were all seated on the floor all around the room. They divided this --made it into two groups. The game is a game, which the button is hid, a small button, they call it, is hid by each side and they