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LEONARD MAKER, OSAGE.

INTERVIEWED BY: LEONARD MAKER

INTERVIEW DATE: DECEMBER 10, 1968

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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE OF OSAGES IN THE 20'S; RELIGION; MORALS;
TRIBAL LEADERS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

MONEY VALUES, MORAL STANDARDS, AND RELIGIOUS VALUES
OSAGE MONEY WAS USED TO BUILD CARLISLE INDIAN COLLEGE
EARLY DAYS WHEN THE OSAGE PEOPLE CAME TO OKLAHOMA
THE OSAGE PEOPLE ACQUIRED A MINERAL TRUST FROM THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT
MOST OF THEM DIDN'T LIKE FARMING - THEY HAD DIFFICULTY IN
MAKING ADJUSTMENT TO WHITE MAN'S WAYS
FATHER AND FATHER-IN-LAW WERE THRIFTY - THEY HAD LIVESTOCK:
THEY WERE GOOD FARMERS AND INTERESTED IN TRIBAL AFFAIRS
MORE ABOUT SUCCESSFUL FARMING AND LIVESTOCK RAISING AND
PRESERVING FOODS
EARLY DAY OIL EXPLORATION AND PROCEEDS FROM HEADRIGHTS
AN OLD GENTLEMAN WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THE TRIBE TO
SET UP AN OSAGE OIL COMPANY - THIS HAS BEEN REGRETTED.
THE OSAGE PEOPLE ARE A GENEROUS PEOPLE
MUCH THOUGHT WAS GIVEN TO ACQUIRING ANOTHER RESERVATION IN
MEXICO IN EARLY DAYS
CHRISTMAS PLANS IN HOMINY DISTRICT
THE TRIBE REFUSED TO BUY LAND FOR A PARK IN NEW MEXICO

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Leonard Maker was born in 1915 near Hominy, Oklahoma and has lived in this area all of his life. Leonard has been associated with the peyote religion all of his life. His father, Ross Maker and his wife's father Robert Morrell were both strong peyote men and had become good friends through their interests in peyote religion. Leonard has had two years of college at New Mexico University. He has done some ranching on his own land and his wife's land but does not work now. He lived in Moore, Oklahoma for a short period of time so as to be near his son who was attending Oklahoma University, but moved back to Hominy where he lived at this time.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Myrtle Unap, Osage