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INFORMANT: DELLA SCOLES, NON-INDIAN

INTERVIEWED BY: LEONARD MAKER

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(Testing. Ah, this is Leonard Maker, Osage, on this day, Dec. 7, 1968.

I am in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scoles, long time residents of this area. Mrs. Scoles has been - I'm interviewing Mrs. Scoles and she has been associated with the Osages for as long as I can remember and has many things to relate to you. And I am sure that it will be a very interesting interview. So at this time we will hear from Mrs. Scoles. You can relate to them, Della, when you were born and what time. Just talk.

HOW OSAGES LIVED IN EARLY DAYS

I was borned in Kansas, in Cloud county Kansas up near Concordy-Kansas. And I - 1884 and came to Osage county and 18 and 95. And I lived in the Osage county practically all this time of these many years and have known these Osages quite long time and have known lots of times when they were hard up. Had hard time to get along. Lived in little wigwams, and had to cook on the ground in campfires. And I been in their - in their little huts when they would have just ah little - made up of lumber, and some of them made up of poles with canvas stretched over the top. They lived with the - had carpets kind of a carpet made of canvas on the floors - in the corner where they would have beds, and they would have mattresses and stacked up their quilts in the daytime. And then I have seen them sit by the sides of their campfire in this teepee cooking their meals. Sit down on the ground on a little blanket or something and roll out their dough and their cooking - they would have it all around them and would sit there and cook. And that's been some 70 years ago. And since then I have worked in their homes many times.

RECALLS NAMES OF SOME FAMILIES IN EARLY DAYS

(Della, do you remember any names of those old time people?)