

(This is December 10, 1968. I am in the home of my mother, Mrs. Marie Maker. I represent the American Indian Institute of the University of Oklahoma.

RECALLS EARLY THOUGHTS ABOUT MOVING THE TRIBE TO MEXICO

My mother is trying to recall and relate the chapter of the Osages as they were right after the first World War, around 1919, 1920, that they were trying to acquire a reservation in the country of Mexico. The movement was based upon the thoughts that--the Osages would be as well off in Mexico as they would be in the United States.)

The time we were--the time this was going on, --my name is Marie Maker and the time I am to repeat what I have remembered and heard at that time. Old Man Wah-hre-she and his wife which she was my mother-in-law at that time--that we were there. I remembered the time that they went to Old Mexico with a few of the Osages from here. Mr. Wah-hre-she and his wife and family. And there was another Osage man, but I don't remember his name.

Well, they were all together--and Mr. Beavers went along--a Quapaw, and they had an interpreter with them. They went down there and Mr. Wah-hre-she had said that they were going down there to look at a country of Mexico, where President Albregon told the Osages--I mean, Mr. Wah-hre-she thought that the Osages would be better off if they would move down in Mexico, saying that he thought that we would be better off and we wouldn't have to be going through what we was going to meet up on later. And all such different things he had in mind. So, they went to Old Mexico and they had their picture taken as I have it in my hand here, remembering all these faces. They were in President Albregon's office at that time.

(When he offered them this tract of land, was there any--what stipulation did he give to Mr. Wah-hre-she, when he said that he would give them this