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OTIS RUSSELL, OSAGE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS, RELATED SUBJECTS AND PEOPLE*

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

LIFE HISTORY
ORIGINATION OF NAME "HOMINY"
OLD INDIAN DRESS
EDUCATION
INDIAN LIFE IN EARLY DAYS
INDIAN BURIAL CEREMONY
WITCHCRAFT
INDIAN REMOVAL
OSAGE MARRIAGES
BABY NAMING CEREMONY
EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Otis Russell is in his late 80's. He lives in the Enterprise District between Fairfax and Hominy, Oklahoma on his original allotment. His first wife was Angela Peace, a full blood Osage from Fairfax. They had two daughters both of whom are deceased. He is a veteran of World War I and served overseas. He is now married to a Cherokee woman. Mr. Russell is the oldest living full blood Osage. He is very willing to talk about his past history and that of his people, their customs and ceremonies, but is difficult to understand due to his age and also a slight speech impediment.