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MARIE MAKER, OSAGE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: INDIAN DOCTORING; BABY BOARDS; RELIGION; SOME
LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

EARLY DAY FAMILY HISTORY

EARLY DAY METHOD OF INDIAN DOCTORING - INCIDENTS

INDIAN DOCTORING WAS ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED BY FAITH AND PRAYER

NO HOT WATER AVAILABLE IN EARLY DAYS - LEARNED VALUE OF COLD
WATER

FATHER WAS AN INDIAN DOCTOR - DID NOT LEAVE INFORMATION

BABY BOARDS:

REASONS FOR BABY BOARDS

MRS. MAKER MADE TWO BABY BOARDS

CUSTOMARY TO PRESENT ONE TO A CLOSE RELATIVE

DESIGNS VARY

SELECTING WOOD

MATERIALS ARE SELECTED BY DESIGNER WHO ALSO DECORATES

PRAYER IS OFFERED FOR WELFARE OF THE BABY

THE PARENTS OF BABY GAVE THE DONOR A FEAST AND HORSE

BABY IS PLACED ON THE BOARD WHEN A FEW WEEKS OLD

VERY FEW BABY BOARDS ARE NOW MADE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Marie Maker is approximately 80 years old. She was born in Pawhuska Indian Camp and later moved with her family to Claremore Camp, near Hominy, Oklahoma. She went to school in Pawhuska, Sisters Catholic Boarding School and Hominy school. She is full blood Osage. Mrs. Maker is still very active both in her home and the community. She is an active member of the Hominy War Mothers Club.

Note: Mrs. Maker is the mother of Field Worker Leonard Maker.