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JOSEPHINE WALKER, OSAGE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: OSAGE HISTORY; NUMEROUS STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE AND RELIGION

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

MUCH ABOUT FAMILY AND DESCENDENTS  
BILL BURKHART HAS MANY HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS  
MORE ABOUT FAMILY AND HISTORICAL FACTS  
DANCING BEGAN IN EARLY DAYS -- SEVERAL KINDS  
RELIGIOUS BELIEFS IN EARLY DAYS  
MARKINGS WHICH MEAN "WISH FOR A LONG LIFE"  
WENT WITH INDIAN DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON IN 1924  
JOHN WILSON PROVIDES THE FIRST CHURCH HOUSE  
MORE ABOUT JOHN WILSON  
INFLUENCE OF JOHN WILSON ON OSAGE PEOPLE  
JOHN WILSON WOULD GO INTO TRANCE AND HAVE VISIONS OF CHRIST  
JOHN WILSON ACQUIRED THE NAME "MOONHEAD" FROM CADDO TRIBE  
MORE ABOUT JOHN WILSON AND HIS FAITH  
SONGS FOR CEREMONIES  
FATHER HOLDS MEETINGS - WAS GUIDED BY JOHN WILSON'S INFLUENCE  
JOHN WILSON RETURNS IN LATER YEARS - HE WAS KILLED BY TRAIN  
USE OF CROCK OR KETTLE  
BURIAL CEREMONIES  
BIBLE DISCUSSION  
NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATE IN THIS RELIGIOUS BELIEF  
THE DANCE CAME WITH THE PONCAS - SOLDIER DANCE  
DIFFERENT FAMILIES KEEP THE DRUM FOR THE SOLDIER DANCE  
NEBRASKA INDIANS HAD THE WAR DANCE IN EARLY DAYS  
MORE ABOUT WAR DANCE  
THE TROT DANCE  
LOCATION OF THE OTO, PONCA, OMAHA, AND PAWNEE TRIBES  
PIPE DANCE IS A CEREMONIAL DANCE  
SUN DANCE IS NOT THE SAME AS THE PIPE DANCE  
OMAHA AND SIOUX INDIANS WERE NOT FRIENDLY IN EARLY DAYS  
WAH-TI-ANKA WAS SCOUT FOR UNION ARMY AND WENT TO WASHINGTON  
WAH-TI-ANKA LIKED THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY  
WALTER REFUSES TO TALK ON TAPE  
STORY ABOUT WINTERTIME AND HUNGER  
TREATY MADE IN 1807 AND TRIBE LATER CAME TO KANSAS THEN HERE  
MEDICINE LODGE TREATY MADE IN 1879  
HERB MEDICINE  
AMOUS MOUSE - WITCH MEDICINE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Josephine Claremore Walker is about 58 years of age. She is full blood Osage. She is an active member of the Native American Church and holds meetings at her home. She lives on her allotment that she inherited from her parents, east of Hominy, Oklahoma.

(Fred Walker, Josephine's husband is present and participates in this interview)

Note: (These are approximations of Osage words; refer to tape if necessary for the pronunciation of the speakers.)