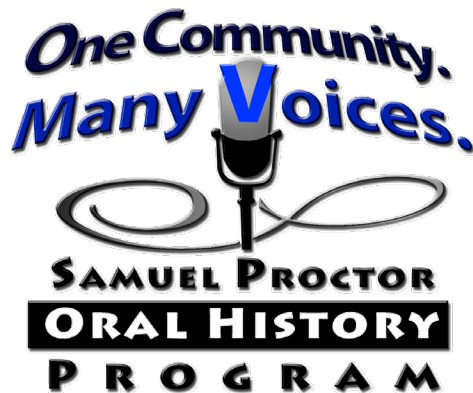


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Abstract: Cheryl Mackey is the daughter of Olin Mackey and Mrs. William White and is eighteen years old at the time of the recording. Her mother was a Catawba Indian and her stepfather was Cherokee. Cheryl shares a few of her experiences as a young adult, including high school and her early employment. She explains her intention to take secretarial classes.

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W: This is Frances Wade. I live on Route 3, Box 304, Rock Hill, South Carolina. Today is August 14, 1975. I'm gathering oral history of the Catawba Indians for the University of Florida. Today I am talking with Cheryl Mackey. Cheryl, what is your full name?

M: Cheryl Dean Mackey.

W: What is your birth date?

M: April 9, [19]57.

W: Where do you live?

M: Route 7, Box 135, Rock Hill.

W: How old are you now?

M: Eighteen.

W: Who are your parents Cheryl?

M: Mr. and Mrs. William S. White.

W: Are they Indians?

M: My mother is, and my stepfather is a Cherokee.

W: What is your real father's name?

M: Olin Mackey.

W: Is he an Indian?

M: No ma'am.

W: Is he alive?

M: No ma'am.

W: Who are your grandparents on your real father's side?

M: Well, Sally Asher.

W: You don't have a grandfather?

M: No ma'am.

W: Is she an Indian?

M: No ma'am.

W: Who are your grandparents on your mother's side?

M: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sanders.

W: Are they Indian?

M: Yes ma'am.

W: Do you have any brothers or sisters?

M: Yes ma'am, I have three sisters and one brother.

W: Would you give me their ages and their names?

M: **Francene** Dorman, she's fourteen. Carol Dorman, she's thirteen. Leslie White, she's three, and David Mackey is twenty-one.

W: One of these young people is your full—?

M: Brother.

W: Brother. What kind of work does your mother do?

M: She's a housewife.

W: She has at one time worked, hasn't she?

M: Yes ma'am. She worked in the **Everlock in Panther**.

W: This is making parts for cars?

M: Yes, ma'am.

W: What does your stepfather do?

M: He's a plumber.

W: Cheryl, you're still a young lady, but when you were much younger, what were some of the duties you had to perform around your house?

M: Well, clean up and stuff like that, baby-sit.

W: Cheryl, do you belong to any church?

M: Yes, ma'am.

W: Of what church do you belong to?

M: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

W: Where do you go to church?

M: In Catawba.

W: That's on the reservation?

M: Yes, ma'am.

W: Are you very active in church?

M: No, ma'am.

W: Do you have any reason for not being active?

M: No ma'am.

W: Do you hold any positions in church?

M: No, ma'am.

W: Let's talk about you going to school. Did you ever go to school on the reservation?

M: No, ma'am.

W: Where did you go to school?

M: The first year I went to Lesslie. From there I went to Rosewood and went back to Lesslie. Then from Lesslie to Castle Heights and now I'm at Rock Hill High.

W: What subjects do you like best?

M: English.

W: Which subject do you like least?

M: Social studies.

W: Cheryl, do the teachers know that you an Indian?

M: Yes, ma'am.

W: Do you get treated as good because you're an Indian?

M: Yes, ma'am.

W: You at Rock Hill school now; do you take part in any sport?

M: No, ma'am.

W: Do you like sports?

M: Yes, ma'am.

W: Do you have any reason why you don't take part?

M: Well, right now I can't because of the operation I had.

W: When you finish school, what would you like to—what kind of job would you like to have?

M: Some kind of secretary work.

W: You are in the tenth grade now?

M: I'm in eleventh.

W: Are you taking any subjects that would help you become a secretary?

M: Not yet.

W: Are you going to start this fall taking subjects that would help you?

M: Yes, ma'am.

W: I know you're not thinking about marriage yet, but have you ever thought about whether you would marry a person of your own race or someone else?

M: Someone else.

W: You won't marry an Indian?

M: No, I don't think so.

W: Do you have any reason for saying this?

M: No, not really.

W: Cheryl, do you own your home?

M: No, ma'am, we're buyin' our house.

W: Is your home on the reservation?

M: No, ma'am.

W: Do you live close to the reservation?

M: Pretty close.

W: Do you know how to make Indian pottery?

M: No, ma'am.

W: Would you like to know how?

M: Yes, ma'am.

W: Do you know how to do bead work?

M: A little bit.

W: Do you like that?

M: Yes, ma'am.

W: Do you think the Indians should continue making pottery?

M: Yes, ma'am.

W: Why do you think they should?

M: I don't know, it looks like it would be fun to do and all. Something to do in your spare time.

W: Cheryl, what have you been doing with your summer?

M: Nothing except I've been working down here.

W: When you say working down here, what're you doing?

M: I don't know. Cutting grass and cleaning up the church and all.

W: Are you getting paid for it?

M: Yes, ma'am.

W: What program are you working under?

M: Summer youth program.

W: Cheryl, are you proud to be an Indian?

M: Yes, ma'am.

W: Do you let people know that you're an Indian?

M: Yes, ma'am.

W: Do you think that our government today is run pretty good?

M: Yes, ma'am.

W: We know there's lots of dope going around among young people and old people alike. Have you ever experimented with dope?

M: No, ma'am.

W: Do you know what it is if you'd see it?

M: Well, I've seen some of it, but not a good bit.

W: Do you think it's a good idea to take this stuff?

M: No, ma'am.

W: I'd like to kind of describe Cheryl or let her describe herself. Cheryl, how tall are you?

M: About five three.

W: How much do you weigh?

M: About 135.

W: She has dark brown hair and brown eyes.

M: Yes, ma'am.

W: I don't know, she's has been out in the sun a great deal lately and I'm not sure that you'd recognize her as an Indian unless she told you that she was. I think most of the young Indian people here on the reservation have high ideals for themselves, and I think she, especially, will be a credit to the Catawba Reservation.

[End of interview]

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