

Interview w/ Ellis Solomon - Notes

- on the reservation at a very early age
- Father passed away when she was only 4 years old
- Grew up w/ her grandparents
- Her mother worked in the canneries
- when she was old enough to go to elementary school, she began attending a boarding school near Marysville
- The boarding school was on the Tulalip reservation and the boarding school was actually a military school
- The girls would march, and they wore uniforms
- Provided good training, discipline "Beautiful School"
- Ellis Solomon stayed there until about the eighth grade
- Went away to another vocational school in Or.
- Called Chamawa, near Salem, Oregon
- She majored in music and home economics.
- loved both schools
- Ellis mentions that along with schooling for the children, the treaties also promised good health, and this was why she went to these schools.
- Had a favorite music teacher
- Chamawa was a vocational high school that had all kinds of activities.
- Had ^{mov}dances, own school colors and song
- Ellis sang in a hundred voice choir - about a thousand students
- A lot of sports; football and basketball
- Some of the boys even went to the Championship in Oregon
- "Seemed more like a college"... After graduation, students were placed in employment in Salem and Portland, Oregon
- ~~13:38~~ Worked there for a few years until she decided to come home and get married and raise a family. That was when she came back to the reservation
- Employed to the LSI B(?) College
- Taught Head Start as a cultural consultant
- Taught the Lummi language, stories, lifestyle and mainenisms
- Was promoted again to the food and nutrition program as a program consultant - she documented the sales and other such things at the program

- Held canning workshops, had their own community garden
- Did canning, own preservation of foods
- 17:50 - Had an arts and crafts workshop to raise money for travel - wove baskets, a lady knitted socks
- Sold these items for money for the elders to travel
- She was director of the Senior
- She had to retire to take care of her husband, who had fallen very ill