

**NEW MEXICO
FARM & RANCH
HERITAGE
MUSEUM**

**ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM
INTERVIEW ABSTRACT**

CONSULTANT: Tiny Faye Jones

DATE OF BIRTH: February 14, 1917 GENDER: Female

DATE(S) OF INTERVIEW: January 11th, 2000

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

INTERVIEWER: Marcie Palmer

SOURCE OF INTERVIEW: NMF&RHM__X__OTHER_____

TRANSCRIBED: Yes: February 24, 2000

NUMBER OF TAPES: One

ABTRACTOR: Marcie Palmer

DATE ABSTRACTED: February 29, 2000

QUALITY OF RECORDING (SPECIFY): Good

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Briefly details childhood years on a farm near Floyd, New Mexico. Discusses her career with the New Mexico Extension Service.

DATE RANGE: 1917-1977

ABSTRACT (IMPORTANT TOPICS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE):

TAPE ONE:

Tiny Faye Jones graduated from college and taught for two years in House, New Mexico. She then went to work for the Farm Security Administration in Estancia, Torrance County, New Mexico for one year. In 1943 she went to work for the New Mexico Extension Service as the Torrance County Home Demonstration Agent.

Ms. Jones was raised in Floyd, New Mexico. She attended high school there and graduated in 1935. She attended Eastern New Mexico Junior College at Portales for two years (it is now a four-year university). Then she transferred to New Mexico A & M (now New Mexico State University) majoring in home economics and agriculture. She graduated in 1940.

Her family consisted of her parents, four brothers and three sisters. Tiny Faye was the seventh child to be born. The family homesteaded near Floyd, New Mexico in 1902. Three families came in one covered wagon from Texas. The Joneses built and lived in a half-dugout until they built a house. Tiny Faye's home life included chores after school; she gathered firewood, collected eggs, helped milk the cows and did many other farm tasks.

At Christmas the Floyd community would have a Christmas tree and give bags of goodies to the children. (She goes to school reunions in Floyd every five years.) She belonged to 4-H. They had a community church that met in the school; a visiting minister came each Sunday.

Tiny Faye attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison and received her master's degree. In 1947 she transferred from the Torrance County Extension Service to the Chaves County Extension Service where she served as a 4-H leader. In 1952 she was named the State 4-H leader and moved to the state headquarters at New Mexico State University.

After retiring in 1977, Tiny Faye has worked in the community and traveled. She enjoys gardening and reading. She has no desire to go back to work.