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plates of the various paints used. You will find something on this subject in the American Indians North of Mexico, by Hodge, a two volume book and, I believe, in Grinnell's two volume work, The Cheyenne Indians. There are some references to painting for special purposes in my books on Indians, particularly my Warpath, my Sitting Bull, my Warpath and Council Fire, but I do not know that much has been written about the materials used.

When in camp or engaged in peaceful pursuits, Indians often painted their faces as a protection from the weather since they wore no hats. Usually red, the color of blood and success was used. The paint of victorious warriors was black. For some reason, the Blackfeet Indians when painted black all over, left the tips of their noses unpainted. Sometimes, when in a great hurry to attack or avenge a friend's death, Indians would not stop to apply war paint but would go to the nearest creek and smear their hair and faces with mud. This may have been a gesture of mourning, but I thought I would mention it. You will find this described in my account of the death of Bear Ribs in Warpath and Council Fire, beginning on page 41, especially page 43.

It may be that a letter to Mr. Reese Kincaide, care of the Mohonk Lodge, Clinton, Oklahoma, would get you some information about paints the Indians used in old times and the substitutes they have used more recently. I suspect there is something to be found in most of the early western travels published by Thwaite. However, if you could run over to Clinton to see Mr. Kincaide, he could probably tell you a good deal. Have you thought of asking the older Indians at Colony. Probably Kincaide could give you the names and addresses of some old Indians who might be willing to help if you made it worth their while. My old friend, Paul Goose (Paul M. Rhodes--another name he goes by), General Delivery, Clinton, Oklahoma, could tell you something. Besides, he makes excellent Indian bows and arrows which he sells for as little as \$15.00. He lives a few miles northeast of Clinton and if you made an appointment with him or asked the Red Cross in Clinton how to find him, I suspect he would be friendly. I think both the books by Darcy are in the Southwestern College Library. At least they used to be.

I am sorry I cannot give you specific references, but hope this will help you.

Yours cordially,

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