

the Cheyennes and Arapahoes as well as the Kiowas were still at uh-- still enemies to the Comanche people. Although later on we know they became very good allies. But at the time of Ten Bears and others of his age like Black Prairie Dog, Afraid of Water. Afraid of Water is another one of my relatives. So is Red Sleeves, Ae-Käh Mäh-kw Säh and of course Päh-E Tuh-uh-yah. Afraid is Päh-E is water, Tuh-uh-yah is fears or afraid of water. Which is the way the agencies--I mean the writers put them down. Among ourselves there's a little mis-translation there. It could be afraid of the rain is what we think his name is. And so my grandmother passed on to me, not only part of her history and stay with her the longest. Her life. But also parts of the Comanche history and incidents from the life of her grandfather 'Ten Bears'. That impressed him the most. And Ten Bears had a brother and uh--of course we know that he was older than Ten Bears, but Ten Bears had the unfortunate experience of having his mother and father killed by an enemy tribe when he was very young. He must have been--he was still nursing. And his older brother was able to run around and take care of himself more than Ten Bears was. When this small band of--small village of Comanches stopped to cut tipi poles up north. Which is where the Northern Comanches usually ranged. But they had to get poles, tipi poles. And while they were cutting the tipi poles why, they were attacked by an enemy. A Siouan tribe, we don't know which tribe of Sioux done it. But they killed out this Comanche bunch and with the exception of Ten Bears and his brother. His brother was taken as a captive by the Sioux but Ten Bears was left to die because being too small. Still nursing, the Siouxs could not see how to raise him probably. And he was going to die anyway. They left him at his mother's side.