

all knew her as Wāh-Sāh-See. One of my younger sisters. She was uh-- that was Wāh-Sāh-See, referring to the Ponca Tribe, we call the Poncas, they're Wāh-Sāh-See. And I believe, we also referred just among ourselves, she was never, offically or put for that purpose, given the name, Tu-Wah. That is the given name of my maternal grandmother. Tū-Wah is 'bringer of water' or 'water carrier', Tū-Wah. And so I'm just, might have been that the women did not occupy the place or such a prominent place in Comanche history as the menfolks did. I believe I almost done it unintentionally, without intending to, I might have done almost the same thing because I made sure my oldest boy received a name. I named him after the one that seemed to occupy such a large place in my grandmother, (speaks grandmother's Comanche name) memory and in her mind, which was her older brother. She seemed to admire him. And spoke very respectfully of him when she did. That's Cheevers. I called my older boy, Cheevers, Cheevers. And of course my, maybe my wife beat me to naming my next boy. She named him Junior. And--and none of my girls I ever named. Although my father did name my oldest girl after one of our relatives. Nah-E-Phe Wah, which is Nah-E-Phe is say, 'beauty' or 'good looks'. Wah is 'with out'. She was, cause it was the name of one of my women folks. That died of old age. Which is one reason Comanches will name somebody after some real old person. Somebody that reached old age. They name this child after somebody that became that became very aged. So that the person that receives it, the child will also reach that old age of somebody that was known to reach. Lived a long time. And so my father told us, in fact told the woman herself, he said, "I wish that you would give your name, Nah-E-Phe Wah to this girl that's waiting on me here." Cause at the time my father was getting old and needed somebody to wait

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