

Nowdays, they don't do that. We had something here not too long ago--I think about a couple of years ago. We had a meeting here, and I talked to my brothers and sisters. My boy is named Alonzo--my father's name. I would like to get their (?) permission and I would like to get my father's Indian name to give it to my boy. They said it was all right. We got Johnson (Smith) to bring it out. Just like what I brought out a while ago. He talked about our fathers--how they lived. The good side. What kind of fellow he was. Hope my son would have the same kind of heart. That's the way they believe. That's the way I got mine. My mother or Henry Achilta, and all them other peoples."

(Was that Johnson Smith that did that?)

Yeah, Johnson Smith.

(Why did you get him, especially, to do that?)

Well, he was pretty close to my father. He knows my father and he worked with my father--in this Native American Church. And besides, way back--I don't know how far back--we're related somewhere's down the line. And I thought that was kind of a good idea. He talks good Apache. And he talks good Kiowa, too. He's half Kiowa and half Apache. He talks good Kiowa and good Apache.

(What is Alonzo's Indian name?)

ce'pah (The family name, Chalepay, comes from this term.--J. Jordan)

(And what does that mean?)

Well, we don't know just exactly what it means. But way back there I guess, my great-grandfather, way back--he wore a human gut necklace.

(A human-gut necklace? Was there any meaning to that?)

Well, we see other tribes wear human teeth and human bones around their necks--the northern tribes. Some way, even scalps, they make hats (?) out of them--scalps. Someway, just like the soldiers wore ribbons. Sometimes they get names out of them. That's--as