

T-53-1 (First of Three Interviews)
EVELYN CHALEPAH, KIOWA

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INTERVIEW DATE: JUNE 21, 1967

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GENERAL SUBJECT: KIOWA BELIEFS AND STORIES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

STORY ABOUT ZODLTON

STORY ABOUT THE CANADIAN RIVER

STORY ABOUT WHY INDIANS ARE NOT STINGY

MORE COMMENT ABOUT ZODLTON AND CRAZY WATER CRYSTALS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Evelyn Oybi Chalepah was born about 1921. Her mother is Sarah Longhorn (Goinkeen). She was raised in the vicinity of Carnegie, Oklahoma. Evelyn married Alfred Chalepah, Kiowa-Apache, in the early 1930's. She was just fourteen at the time. Evelyn and Alfred have twelve children and many grandchildren. They live southeast of Carnegie near the former Alden community. Evelyn is articulate and well-informed on Kiowa and Kiowa-Apache beliefs and customs. She is active in Indian community activities, and spends much time in support of her husband as leader of one of the two Kiowa-Apache Blackfoot Dance groups. She and her husband are both active in sponsoring and carrying out peyote meetings, and are also active in Kiowa-Apache tribal affairs.

REMARKS ON INTERVIEW: This interview was an attempt to learn more about Kiowa beliefs and stories concerning the properties of Zodlton Springs, but although Evelyn was raised in this area, she never had much personal acquaintance with the springs. Zodatone is a group of sulphur water springs south of Carnegie and the waters were believed to have magical qualities--J. Jordan.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Helen Blackbear, Kiowa
Annie Bigman, Kiowa