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INFORMANT: FRED BIGMAN, KIOWA-APACHE
INTERVIEW BY: JULIA A. JORDAN
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GENERAL SUBJECT: KIOWA-APACHE RELATIONS WITH ARAPAHOES AND SOME OTHER TRIBES

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

ARAPAHOES AND CHEYENNES VISITING KIOWA-APACHE DANCES

STORY ABOUT FRED'S GRANDFATHER MAKING CURVED STAFF FOR BLACKFEET DANCE

ARAPAHO SUN DANCE

GIFT EXCHANGE AND INTER-TRIBAL RELATIONSHIPS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Fred Bigman was born in 1900 and has lived most of his life in the vicinity of Fort Cobb and Carnegie. He attended Cache Creek Mission, Cedardale school (a rural public school east of Carnegie) and Rainy Mountain School for a total of about six grades. His parents were traditional Kiowa-Apaches who never spoke English, and Fred remained close to them until they died. He married Annie Saumpty, a Kiowa, in 1920 and remained married to her until she died in October, 1969. They had one son, Roy Bigman, who died about 1961, and who left a number of children whom Fred and Annie have helped raise. Fred is well informed on the traditional Kiowa-Apache ways of life but is sometimes reluctant to talk about them. Fred has worked in a number of ways for wages, most doing farm labor. He is an ardent peyotist and a peyote leader. He now lives in Anadarko, on Florida Street.

NOTE: This brief interview was recorded on tape but because of the low recording level and background noise, the interviewer decided to transcribe the interview and not preserve the tape.