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Stewart Klinekole, Kiowa-Apache

(When were you born?)

1892 in September. Somewhere about the 23rd I think.

(Where?)

On this creek here around that curve to the north.

(Who took care of you when you were young?)

My mother, father and oldest sister.

(Any others not related to you?)

Yes, when I came to be playing around, I think my grandpa, I saw him. He took me back to the west side of Cement to stay with him.

(What people do you remember first?)

The first people I see, they call him Apache John in English. That's go. kaca "lots of camps."

(Did he go to lots of camps?)

Yeah, that's what they call him, name of that.

(Did you hear lots of stories when you were a little boy?)

Yes.

(What kind of stories?)

Well, one, when you going to get grown--while you growing you got to learn what you going to do. You got to hustle for something, work, make money, make something for home. If you get wife and have children it make you feel good. Do something for them--it make them appreciate it. That's when you make a good living. Live like that on and on with wife and children. Children get grown up, they going to school. It come true, you got to buy clothes and food for wife and children.

(Were there any stories about animals?)

Yes. But once I become a man I just see rabbit and squirrel and quail. Way back I never seen neither anywhere. I never seen no buffalo too. I see them but they been like over here at Mount Scott.)

(Who told you stories?)

Old Man Taho and another man named ka.de. He's not Apache man.

(What was the first time you saw white people?)