

T-56-1 (First of Two Interviews)
FRED BIGMAN, KIOWA-APACHE
INTERVIEWED BY: WILLIAM BITTLE
INTERVIEW DATE: JUNE 26, 1967
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GENERAL SUBJECT: DOCTORS; MEDICINE BUNDLES; GHOST DANCE

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

STORY ABOUT JOHNSON SMITH'S MOTHER'S MEDICINE
FAMOUS APACHE DOCTORS
MEDICINE BUNDLES

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: The other interview on this tape is: Louise Saddleblanket, Kiowa-Apache