

(DQ Was ka ar to the daughter or relation of a chief?) No. She died soon afterward. They live together for a while and then she died.

I don't remember when he married his second wife. He was police yet when he remarried. In 1901-02 she was allotted, and she died. He works, plants wheat and corn until he got sick. He was working pretty near all his life. Then he got that dropsy and that rheumatism. When I married him the boys worked for him. He quit working in 1947-48.

(DQ How did you meet him?) Oh, I just meet him off and on. He say that he wants to marry me, take care of my family--on and on like that until I trust him. That's when I married him, see. We lived close together before we married.

(DQ What kind of man would you say he was?) He's just like any other man. He works all of the time. And when he get on that business he was in business all of the time. He goes on trips. He got peyote meetings. But he don't hardly go to the dances. But he use this medicine, this peyote, all of the time. We stayed home all of the time.

Pretty near all of the people, all different tribes, Kiowa, Comanche--they think a whole lot of him. But the Apache tribe they not too friendly to him. They always say he's cranky, he's selfish, he's tight. He looks like that, but he's not. He don't want his money to run around. He talks to the public like Apache John. When we have meetings, before dinner he tells them what kind of man they are. Especially Joe Blackbear and Noble Star. My sister was married to Joe Blackbear. Noble Star was living good with his first wife. But when that woman died he went wild. He drove his kids away, and he took up drink. They was little, they was young. Joe Blackbear, he's got a good father and mother, and his wife stays home. He got three kids. He farms when he was young. He's got cattle and horses. Lately they live pretty good. We all living close together. He works but all at once this drinking got him. He got jealous of my sister, and my sister stay at home. Finally she run away from him. He start hunting his wife all over. He begs her, but she wouldn't come back to him. I just quit you, she say. You never will quit drinking. That's why my sister divorce him. He didn't want to, but the office force him to. Ben helped her, because he was deputy sheriff for three years. The Indian office told them to get Joe and bring him in. He promised good behavior, and Ben got them back together I don't know how many times. After that Joe was a bachelor for 20 years. He was a bachelor when he died.

Nobel Star left his kids and his wife, and took another man's wife from him. She died with a child, after Noble beat her. He was drunk. Joe Blackbear's sister used to be married to Clarence Star, my cousin, my mother's sister's boy. They the only ones that talk against Ben. He talks to them to do right and all that.

He tries to correct people, talk to them in a crowd. But everybody like him, all different tribes. He be getting along and all that. Everybody respect him. He was just like Tennyson Berry. Him and Tennyson Berry was good friends, you know.

When his father-in-law (Apache John, probably) ~~xxx~~ gave him that chief, he didn't keep it long till they got that committee. But the Indians call him the headman of the tribe, these two of them (Business men). But was before we call them chiefs. He sure like, you know, when they put him onto something like that. He's proud of it. He don't understand English--that's the only thing bad about him. The law, he don't understand. You got to have interpreter. He have a Comanche with him to Washington when he go. He understand everything the Indian way. He don't do it himself. He just have a letter or something from the office what they need him for and all that. It's up to the tribe.