

T-59-1. (First of Two Interviews)
RAY BLACKBEAR, KIOWA-APACHE
INTERVIEWED BY: KENNETH BEALS
INTERVIEW DATE: JUNE 26, 1967
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GENERAL SUBJECT: RAY'S RELATIVES AND LIFE HISTORY

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

RAY'S MOTHER
RAY'S FATHER, JOSEPH, AND GRANDFATHER WHITEBEAR
RAY'S SIBLING
HOME LIFE AND VISITING
ATTITUDES TOWARD A BIRTHPLACE OR HOME
CHILDHOOD PLAY
PETS
STORY TELLING
ATTITUDES TOWARD WHITE LAW

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Ray Blackbear was born near the present town of Hatchetville in 1903. He is a Kiowa-Apache and a fluent speaker of the language. He is married to a Kiowa and lives on an allotment about two miles west of the junction of Highways 19 & 58. Ray died in February, 1969. Ray was the son of Joe and Priscilla Blackbear, and the grandson of Old Man Blackbear who served in L Troop. Ray was active in Native American Church activities, and in the revitalized Kiowa-Apache Blackfeet Society. He was a noted singer and composed many of the Blackfeet songs in use today.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Sadie Weller, Caddo