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CECIL HORSE, KIOWA

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GENERAL SUBJECT:

DOCTORING AND WITCHING

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

HOW HUNTING HORSE WAS CURED OF WITCHING
HORSES WERE OFTEN WITCHED AT HORSE RACES
WITCHES TRY TO OUTDO EACH OTHER TO PROVE SUPERIORITY
STORY ABOUT YELLOW WOLF CURING PARALYSIS IN CECIL'S MOTHER
MORE ABOUT WITCHING HORSES
SOME WESTERN TRIBES STILL PRACTICE WITCHING

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Cecil Horse was born in 1891 and is now living on his allotment twelve miles south of Carnegie. Cecil has been married to Jenny Haumpy over fifty years. He is one of the sons of Hunting Horse, a well-known Kiowa who died in the mid-1950's at the age of about 107 years. Cecil is fairly well educated. He attended J.J. Methvin Indian School and also Chilocco. He became active in the Methodist Church and has served as a minister for a number of Indian Methodist churches in this area. He has also had experiences with the peyote religion. He is retired from active ministry now, but is very proud of his service in this respect. He is reported to have opposed the Native American Church as a minister, and his wife, Jenny, states, "We are not powwow people, though we both used to dance and go to powwows." Nevertheless, they attend celebrations such as the Gourd Dance at Carnegie around July 4, and other powwows and celebrations. Cecil is hard of hearing and Jenny often assists, both in English and Kiowa.

NOTE: This tape is the conclusion of conversation recorded on T-31. Side B was not used at all and a few minutes of irrelevant conversation at the end of Side A was not transcribed.

HOW HUNTING HORSE WAS CURED OF WITCHING

(Now, I forgot--we were talking about your father and that man that witched him and you said that was because he was jealous of your father. And the tape ran out before we came to the end. So, would you tell me again how he took that out of his back?)

Just witch him and then witch my father because of jealousy.