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BERT GEIKOUMAH, KIOWA

INTERVIEWED BY: TIMOTHY BAUGH

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◀ GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE IN THE OLD DAYS; STORIES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

EARLY DAY TRADITIONS AND PRACTICES CONCERNING CHILDBIRTH  
LIVED WITH HIS GREAT GRANDPARENTS WHEN A CHILD  
STARTED TO SCHOOL AFTER THE GRANDPARENTS DIED  
STORY OF THE BOYS WHO RAN AWAY FROM SCHOOL AND FROZE TO DEATH  
GRANDDAUGHTER SINGS HER GRADUATION SONG IN KIOWA LANGUAGE  
MORE ABOUT THE BOYS WHO RAN AWAY FROM SCHOOL  
GEORGE HUNT WAS THE "TATTLE TELLER"  
REWARD FOR PEELING POTATOES  
BOYS WERE ALLOWED TO GO TO TOWN AFTER SCHOOL, AND SUNDAYS  
DUKE POOR BUFFALO WAS A PRANKSTER  
HE LIKED TO GO TO SCHOOL  
LIFE AFTER LEAVING SC' JOL  
HIS FATHER WAS A MEDICINE MAN AND A MEMBER OF THE NATIVE  
AMERICAN CHURCH  
LAND ALLOTMENTS  
A GHOST STORY  
STORY OF THE CHEAT MAN  
STORY ABOUT THE CHEAT MAN WANTING TO MARRY THE WHIRLWIND  
WOMAN  
MORE ABOUT THE CHEAT MAN

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Bert Geikoumah was born in 1881. He attended the Kiowa school in Anadarko and finished the 6th grade. Mr. Geikoumah is totally blind and bedfast most of the time, however his mind functions quite well. He speaks English fairly well but his hard to communicate with, because he is hard of hearing. He lives with his granddaughter, Mrs. Trina Hunter. Mr. Geikoumah was born about three miles north of Mount Scott, near Lawton, Oklahoma.