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CONNA MAY SADDLEBLANKET, KIOWA-APACHE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS: TANNING HIDES; APACHE MEDICINE  
MEN; MEXICAN CAPTIVE; WILD PLANT FOODS

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

TANNING HIDES

TANNING TOOLS

APACHE MEDICINE MEN: DAVECO

APACHE MEDICINE MEN: APACHE JOHN

APACHE MEDICINE MEN: SADDLEBLANKET

COMANCHE MEDICINE MEN: COMANCHE JACK

MEXICAN CAPTIVE: BIG WHIP

WILD PLANT FOODS

PLUMS AND GRAPES

INDIAN CABBAGE (Yucca glauca)

YUCCA HAIRBRUSH

YUCCA ROOT SHAMPOO

INDIAN TURNIP (Psoralea esculenta)

INDIAN POTATOES (Apios tuberosa)

INDIAN PICKLE (Matelea biflora)

HACKBERRY (Celtis sp.)

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Conna May Saddleblanket (maiden name, Conna May Bigman) was born in 1888 and attended school one year at Methvin Institute in Anadarko around 1901. She was raised by her parents and grandparents, spoke Kiowa-Apache fluently, and remained oriented to traditional Indian ways all her life. She married Homer Saddleblanket, adopted son of well-known Kiowa-Apache medicine man, Saddleblanket. Her two surviving children are Rachel Saddleblanket who now lives in Hobart (1970), and Marvin Saddleblanket of Indianhoma. Conna May died in December of 1968. She was one of the old people who assisted in the revival of the Manatidie or Kiowa-Apache Blackfeet Dance by teaching some of the old Blackfeet songs to the new generation of Kiowa-Apaches.