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INFORMANT: CHARLES AND MARY TARTSAH, KIOWA
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Mary: I was born in 1905. And I'm Kiowa, I'm Kiowa woman.

(What's your name?)

MARY TELL STORIES IN KIOWA LANGUAGE WHICH SHE HAS HEARD FROM HER GRANDFATHER, AND CHARLES INTERPRETES THEM FOR HER.

MARY: Pe-tow-mah. (Spelled phonetically) My name in Indian, Pe-tow-mah. Mary tartsah. (Words not clear) My grand-pa, my great grand-pa stories. I'm going to tell all these stories. (AT THIS POINT MARY IS SPEAKING IN KIOWA.)

CHARLES: She said that way back then uh- (Speaker cannot be heard--static) nothing but uh - well just nobody lived around here, no settlement or nothing. And her great grandfather went out way out somewhere; in another state, way off. And he traveled to places down in there and try to find something that what they were looking for (Static - Inaudible) way down there. And they stayed down, they went here and there. And they said they couldn't find anything. (Static) They came back. They couldn't find what they want to find so they went here and they went there. (Inaudible) And while they were on their way, come to a little creek; kind of a little, little valley there and a little mountain against it. So that they said they were hungry and they had nothing to eat. They couldn't kill nothing, on the way, to eat. So they were starving. And they said they come to a little hill (Static - Inaudible). And as soon as they got there they said, well, the old lady says, "I just wish," said that uh, "on our way that we might find some food." And they stopped at that little brook there. And when they stopped over there, well, well just they way that she wished, well they were on the bank of that little brook there, there was a meat. It was already cooked, uh - laid on top of leaves, on top of that. Just the way she wished. And it uh- they took that and her man said, "No, we'd better not eat it." He said, "It might be something, might be poison or something; might be trouble or something, for us to run into something or something might happen to us." He didn't want uh - didn't want to eat it. The old lady said, "No," she said, "We're going to eat it." "That's what I wish," she said, "and I got my wish, and we gonna eat it. I done whatI said." Said, "It's right there now." So they got that meat and