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EUGENIA MAUSAPE, KIOWA

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STORY ABOUT KIOWA BOY CAPTURED BY UTES AND RESCUED AS HE WAS BEING  
SACRIFICED AT SUN DANCE

A--about the war.

(Yeah.)

Utes and Kiowas, they fight. I don't know why they fight for. In 1900 we get friends with Utes. Just about 1900. I was twenty years old. That time they make a friend. The Utes came to Carnegie, to make friends with the Kiowas. That's where my great-grandfather got captured. The Kiowas captured him. My great-great-grandfather. And my grandma, she's a Ute woman. See, that's why we have Utes. We got some folks living up to Colorado. They used to fight with them. They captured one boy, one Kiowa boy. That's a man. He's a chief man. He's got one son. My, but it's bad they captured that boy! Oh, they don't know what to do. They just about to kill themselves. And that man said, "I rather not kill myself. If that boy was to be living, he might come home, and I be gone. It might be too bad. I rather stay. And I wanted to know if I know he was living. Then I'm going to live." There's a young man came in and he said, "I'm gonna go hunt for your boy. All kind of Indians, I'm gonna go and look for your boy. I might find him and steal him away." And that man was so glad, yeah. Then he went on. They got horses that time, now. And he went on. He get everything ready and he looked for all the Utes, Navajos, Zunis, Pueblos--all kind of Indians. He goes there. He visit them.