

ALFRED CHALEPAH, KIOWA-APACHE  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: TRIP TO THE NORTH ABOUT 1950 WITH APACHE BEN  
 TO VISIT THE CROWS AND THE SARSI

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

APACHE BEN'S CAR AND TRIP TO CROW AGENCY  
 PREJUDICE AGAINST INDIANS IN WYOMING AND MONTANA  
 STAY WITH CROWS AT CROW AGENCY, MONTANA  
 VISIT TO CUSTER BATTLEFIELD  
 DECISION TO GO TO CANADA  
 GETTING SILVER DOLLARS IN CHANGE FROM BANK  
 INDIANS REFUSED SERVICE IN MONTANA RESTAURANT: JOHN  
 FLETCHER'S TALK  
 DRIVE TO CANADIAN BORDER: MEETING OIL WELL DRILLER FROM  
 OKLAHOMA IN CAPE  
 DIFFICULTIES WITH CANADIAN BORDER OFFICIALS  
 INFORMATION ON SARSI AND MEETING A BLOOD INDIAN  
 CROSSING THE BORDER AND TRIP TO CALGARY  
 TRIP FROM CALGARY TO SARSI SETTLEMENT WITH STOP AT A  
 CREE HOUSE  
 MEETING WITH SARSI FAMILY INCLUDING OLD LADY THAT HAD  
 KNOWN GILBERT MCALLISTER  
 TRIP BACK TO CROW AGENCY AND START HOME  
 STOP AT WIND RIVER RESERVATION IN WYOMING TO BATHE IN HOT  
 SULPHUR SPRING  
 TRIP HOME  
 KIOWA-APACHE BELIEFS CONCERNING THEIR NORTHERN ORIGIN

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Alfred Chalepah was born in 1910 and has lived all his life in the vicinity of Anadarko, Fort Cobb and Apache. He has been active in tribal affairs for many years and is a leader and spokesman of his people. Several times he has served on the C-A-C Business Committee, and has been a director for the Kiowa-Apache on the Anadarko Indian Exposition committee. He is a participant in Native American Church activities and has the right to conduct meetings. He is a leader in the Chalepah group's Kiowa-Apache Blackfoot Dance organization, having inherited the office of "Whip Man" from his uncle, Apache John. Although Alfred has had little formal education, having completed through the sixth grade at Riverside Indian School, he is extremely knowledgeable in almost every area of tribal life, and he is very anxious that his tribal traditions be preserved and the condition of American Indians be made known.

NOTE: Apache Ben Chaletsin, Alfred Chalepah's step-father, loved to travel and visit other tribes, and he had contacts with many Indians all over the country through his work in Native American Church activities. He had considerable money from oil wells on his lands, and he travelled extensively, often asking Alfred to go with him and drive. On this particular trip the object was a visit to the Crow Indians of Montana, but, apparently somewhere