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SAM HAUZOUS, FT. SILL APACHE
TAPE MADE IN 1956 BY MEMBERS OF
THE HAUZOUS FAMILY
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GENERAL SUBJECT: PERSONAL REMINISCENCES CONCERNING GERONIMO, THE WARM SPRINGS APACHES, AND INCIDENTS SURROUNDING THE SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN APACHES

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT AND TAPE:

The original tape was loaned to the American Indian Institute by Mrs. Robert Darrow of Norman, Oklahoma, the daughter of Sam Hauzous. The tape was loaned so that it could be copied for Oral History project. The tape was made in 1956 by members of the Hauzous family in order that they could preserve some of the reminiscences and experiences of their father who was over ninety years old (c.93). As a young man, Sam Hauzous had witnessed first hand many of the experiences of Apache groups in the Southwest, and had known Geronimo before his final surrender to General Miles.

SUMMARY OF CONTENTS OF TAPE:

This narration was given by the informant: A peaceful group of the Apaches, called Warm Spring Apaches, was accused of aiding Geronimo. The U. S. Cavalry surrounded them and drove them to a place near San Carlos, New Mexico, where they stayed nearly a year. They were very unhappy there and could see no reason why they should stay there when they would rather be on their own reservation. They wanted to go back home. They did return without permission. A year later, they refused to be driven back and said they would fight before they would submit to the trip again. They learned later how cruel the Mexicans can be and also how cruel Geronimo can be. The Mexicans sold a wagon load of whiskey to the Apaches and when all were drunk, they took them to jail by loading them into wagons. When the Indians were sober again many of them escaped from the jail. When the family of the informant was able to escape, they became lost and became very hungry. Geronimo would order women and children killed just the same as the regular warriors. He is very cunning and tricky. Later, Geronimo decided that he would give up to the U. S. Army. He decided that he didn't want to be a hunted man any longer. He sent word to General Miles that he would give up and that it didn't make any difference whether they wanted to kill him or hang him. General Miles told him that he would not be killed and that he would live a long time. He would be sent east where no one knew him and no one would bother him again and where he could never again do anything wrong. Geronimo did ask that his people be given food and good water and good shelter.