

today to Devil's Tower and you see these marks on that tower where the bear tried to hang on. I had a picture of it. I don't know where to find it. You could get one, though, somewhere. I might find it if I look for it. You'll find it in historical books I guess. My neices they went up there to see the rock, and they told me it was there and those marks there. And Indians pick up those ruby claws--the claws that turned to rock--rubies. That's the reason they see early Indians going up in there, wear 'em around their neck, ornament.

(What, the bear claws?)

Yes. That was symbol of those bear claws. They get other bear claws and put 'em around their neck in symbols of that original claws that come from Devil's Canyon (Meaning Devil's Tower.)

(Have you ever seen any of those ruby rocks?)

No. No, that was 100 years ago. If they was, they been buried, I guess. You might find out something about it in Washington, D.C. In early days, American Ethnology wrote early histories about these Kiowas and they got some of these stories--original--from the old Indians. And they might tell you. They might have some on exhibition in the Museum of Natural History.

(When was it that your neices went up there?)

That was--they go up there ever so often. My boy's up there in Aberdeen, South Dakota--they go up there all the time. They the one's sent me those pictures. And after it grew up, those 7 people that stood on there go--and the Kiowas say it's the Seven Sisters in the stars, up there. The god carried them on up to the skies and it's the Seven Sisters you see in the sky--in the heavens. Well, I asked my father when he was telling me this story, I said, "You said there was six boys, and one girl, and