

APACHE - TONKAWA RELATIONS:

(Well, tell me what you know about it--I don't think she told me that.)

Well, I don't know anything prior to the time -- Well, I really don't know too much about the past. But all I can tell you is when I went up there in 1916 and '17, they were married then, and Emmett and Clara were just--Emmett was just about like this fellow (Patrick, Ray's grandson, who is about 4 or 5 years old), and Clara was about five years old. And I stayed up there with them.

(At Tonkawa?)

Yeah. I stayed up there. I worked up there on summer. I didn't learn too much of anything other than their--just what few old peoples were there. Cause David Williams, he sings songs, only he translate everything to English. I couldn't understand Tonkawa. Therefore with what English he did know, he tell me about this Native American Church or peyote. Tell me how they carry on. And some medicine mans there--I didn't pay too much attention to that. However, I did get the history in my own opinion, the way they use it. Course, I've heard stories that they didn't use it the way we used ours. The Tonkawas used it when they was around the coast--they was wandering these coasts here. I heard--I don't know--they was just like cannibals. And that's how it happened here where Indian City is now. One time Tonkawas were camped there and--you've heard that story?

(Well, I can't remember for sure how it went.)

I don't know, but they used to camp there and somebody was noticing them that when somebody dies, they don't bury them, they just barbecue them or they eat 'em. And that's the reason why peoples got together and wiped 'em out. Just a few left. Of the few, this one I had reference to is Miles--George Miles--and Cisco and Williams and Taw--Robert Taw. And someday there was just so few that they intermarried with other tribes. Seems like Frank Mason, he was a Tonkawa, and he was married to--One way, I think he was married to a Mescalero. Or he was a Mescalero and married to a Tonkawa--or the other way around. He's either a Tonkawa married to a Mescalero woman or-- Anyway, it was one way. He was oldest, and then Allen--Paul Allen. Paul Allen's still living. He's in Enid. And Frankie's got some of his old songs--he's got 'em on tape. (Frankie Redbone, Kiowa-Apache) He's