

Howard: Yes. My mother died before the allotments.

(Your step-mother--do you know what her name was?)

Howard: Her name was dá.táhé I don't know what that means. But we use it as determining the band of Indians for those Mescaleros--we call them dá.táhé So they just apply that. I don't know what her real name was, really, but peoples here, the Kiowa-Apaches here where she lives, well they call her dá.táhé because she belonged to that band of Apaches known to the Kiowa-Apaches as dá.táhé .

(And your father met her here in this part of the country?)

Howard: Yes. They married here. This step-mother of mine, I might as well mention, she was married to another Apache man before she married my father. And he was one of the head men of the Kiowa-Apaches. The husband of dá.táhé His name was dá.ta. -- dá.dahà -- dahà

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(I've heard that name.)

Howard: He's in Mooney's book--his picture (Mooney's Calendar History of the Kiowas. There is a section on the Kiowa-Apache.--jj).

(Did they have any children?)

Howard: No:

(Is this dahà the one that this creek (at Boone) is named for?)

Howard: Yes. That's it/right over here. The county commissioner got a sign up there that says "Taho Creek," which wasn't right. I was going to get after him. But I never did. He always mix them. - He named this "Taho Creek," after Old Man Taho. But it's dahà -- that's the old Apache chief's name that used to live here on the hill--that old house--that old government house. The government built that house for him when the government built houses for those, in order to settle them down. And so this house was built for this Daha. And I lived in it a long time in my boyhood days.