

KIOWA-APACHE MEDICINE BUNDLES

Howard: See, that's what I've been wanting them people to do--Captain (speaks to Ray in Apache. "Captain" or "Capitan", also known as "Kosope", was an old time Kiowa-Apache.) I keep telling them to give it to the university and let them look at it. They'd know what it come from. (He is probably talking about a canvas scroll with drawings on it which is one of the items contained in one of the Kiowa-Apache medicine bundles--the one owned by Gertie Chalepah. --jj) Oh, it's that medicine bundle we got--

Ray: We got four--

Howard: They got skins and pictures drawn on it--

Ray: There's something like a scroll in there--similar to some of that--I heard--I don't know.

Howard: I never did see it either.

(Whose is it that has that in it?)

Ray: Let's see--Gertie's got one. And Louise has got one--

Howard: Well, it's just that special one that Captain used to have--who's got it now? That's the one that Rose had? Gertie got it now?

Ray: Yeah.

(It's got a scroll in there?)

Ray: (speaks phrase in Apache) "Poor Owl", isn't it? That's the one Gertie's got?

(The name of Gertie's bundle is "Poor Owl"--jj)

Howard: But it mentioned that--McAllister's book mentions that. The one Captain had. (Captain, or Capitan, also known by his Kiowa-Apache name, Kosope, was a well-known Kiowa-Apache leader and warrior. He was a classificatory grandfather of Gertie Chalepah, and Gertie spent much of her childhood with Captain and his wife, Josephine--jj) I think he called it "Creation" bundle. I think that's the name he gave it.