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CECIL HORSE, KIOWA.

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GENERAL SUBJECT: KIOWA CHIEFS AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

HOW MESQUITE BEANS PREPARED FOR EATING
SKUNKBERRIES AND HOW PREPARED
CHIEF HUNTING HORSE AND HOW MEN BECAME CHIEFS
WAR CHIEFS
MORE ON HUNTING HORSE
HOW OWNERS OF MEDICINE BUNDLES SETTLE DISPUTES
THE MEDICINE BUNDLES (GRANDMOTHERS) TODAY
RECENT CHANGES IN VOCABULARY ITEMS OF KIOWA LANGUAGE
MORE ON HOW MEN BECAME CHIEFS
CECIL'S SON'S BATTLE EXPERIENCE IN WORLD WAR II AND HOW
HE WAS HONORED
CECIL PRESENTS WAR BONNET TO A MODERN ARMY GENERAL
MAKING OF WAR BONNETS AND SPECIAL EQUIPMENT
BUGLE USED IN GOURD DANCE
HUNTING HORSE BECAME A CHURCH MEMBER
OLD TIME CHIEFS AND EARLY BUSINESS COMMITTEE
IMPORTANCE OF BUNCLE OWNERS IN OLD DAYS
TRIBAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Cecil Horse was born in 1891 and is now living on his allotment twelve miles south of Carnegie. Cecil has been married to Jenny Haumpy over fifty years. He is one of the sons of Hunting Horse, well-known Kiowa who died in the mid-1950's, at the age of about 107 years. Jenny is the daughter of Old Man Haumpy, a Buffalo Medicine man. Cecil is fairly well educated. He attended the J. J. Methvin Indian school and also Chilocco. At Chilocco he learned to play the cornet, and later blew the bugle at some Gourd Dance celebrations. He was active in the Indian Methodist movement in this part of the state. He has also had experience with the peyote religion, but is reported to have opposed the Native American Church as a minister. He is retired from active ministry now, but is very proud of his service in this respect. He and Jenny had five daughters and one son, all of whom are well educated and most successful in business and professional careers. His wife said, "We are not pow-wow people, though we both used to dance and go to pow-wows." Nevertheless they attend celebrations such as the Gourd Dance at Carnegie around July 4, and other Indian activities in their area.

NOTE: This interview took place in the dining room of Cecil's home, and his wife, Jenny, was present and participated in the interview, as well as assisting by making questions understood to Cecil, who is hard of hearing. Part of this tape consisted of conversation regarding my recent trip to the Mescalero reservation and Juarez and is irrelevant to Kiowa history. The discussion of mesquite beans started because I mentioned I had tasted a Mescalero dish made from mesquite beans while I was there. Cecil and Jenny live in an area where mesquite grows plentifully, and they like to gather the beans and prepare them when they can. Skunkberries