

Informant: Sarah Pohocsucat, Comanche
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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(I am Bob Miller. I am interviewing Aunt Sarah Pohocsucat, in Norman today. This is January 24, 1969. Aunt Sarah is going to talk about a Comanche Medicine man that she knows and then we will talk about other things that were told to her by her father, Comanche Jack. And then she will tell about other things that she remembers when she was a child growing up in the Comanche country around, what today is Lawton, Oklahoma. Aunt Sarah.

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My name is Sarah Pohocsucat and I am here with Bob Miller, to tell him history of certain things I have heard, and even seen about a old medicine man known as Pah kia ha. And he had another name--medicine name, Qua she ya. And he comes around to people to eat maybe dinner or supper, and he tell about what he knows. And sometimes they would make him do what he knows about medicine. So, my father says he came to some people to eat and when they got through eatin' they told him they wanted him to do something for them. So, he said yes, I think I will because I ate your food. So, he went to work and he told them that he could make some things out of nothing, or maybe something. So this man settin' across the room where they was sittin', told--he said, can you make tobacco? We run out of tobacco (laughter). So, he said, well, you go out and find horse manure, he said, and bring it here to me. So he brought it to him. And after he brought it, he said, "Well, now I get something out of here." And he went under here himself, and he pull out a corn shuck. And he fixed it and went to work, and he took that thing and put it in front of him-- put the manure in front of him and he cover it with a black handkerchief. And then he made his medicine movements about it and talked and after while he took the handkerchief away, and there was tobacco laying there. So, he said,