

(The first portion of this tape was recorded at the Coldwater sulphur springs, called "Zodlton" by the Kiowa. The word means "stink water," or more literally, "vomit water." The spring is located about eight miles south of Carnegie, Oklahoma, then four miles west, then a half mile south. The quality of the tape is poor at times, since it was recorded at the spring, and the day was windy. The informant is Evelyn Lesta Chalepah, a Kiowa.)

STORY ABOUT ZODLTON

(What was the spring used for, Evelyn?)

All I know is I used to see my grandmother and then come here and bathe in it. They drank it. I don't know what they drank it for. And some of them would throw their rings, down here, I don't know why they do that. Or even their bracelets, you know.

(Was this kind of a sacred place for them?)

Yeah. I think it was.

(Did the people used to come here and pray?)

Well, yeah. Some do, mostly all of them that comes, you know, do that.

(Do the people still do that?)

Some do. You take the older people, you know. They knew what it here for, and all that. Well, they do that. The last old people that I seen bathe in it was Clarence Starr and his wife. But it wasn't at this same spring, it was over there, you know, where Gertie and them live. (South of Boone) Him and his wife, they bathe in it. And also, Ray Blackbear's mother and stepfather bathe in it.

(Is there any special thing they do when they bathe?)

Well, they pray before they bathe in it. They take a cup along with them. Well, you know, we call it a shower. You know, they dip it out and pour it on themselves.