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GUY QUOETONE, KIOWA

HIS 84th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

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GENERAL SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON GUY QUOETONE, GIVEN IN A TALK BY REV. LINN POAHTY (KIOWA) ON THE OCCASION OF GUY'S EIGHTY-FOURTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

NOTE: This Celebration was held at the Ft. Sill Indian School, Lawton, Oklahoma, and the occasion was designated as "Guy Quoetone Recognition Day." A number of songs, talks, and testimonials were given, but only the talk by Rev. Roahy, giving Guy's life history in a "This is Your Life" format, is transcribed.

I'd like to address Guy directly about him and his life story-- read about Guy Quoetone's life. Guy, you were born October 15, 1885 near the landmark known today as Owl Head Creek, also known as Jimmy Creek, located two miles north of Mears, Oklahoma in McMaster Township in Comanche County. According to Kiowa tradition personal names were given--first a childhood name, and later changed with the first war expedition or achievement. Or some other notable feat--elevation to chieftainship or finally retiring from active life. An occasion marked by the adoption of the name of one's son. Some times they were hereditary. In any case they were always bestowed upon (the child) by the grandparents. And sometimes by the parents. "Tokway" (or word sounding like this) was your childhood name. Later as you grew to young manhood you were named after your grandfather, Tsaddikongia, meaning "Black Whooping Crane."

Guitone, or "Wolf Head (Tail)", known as "Uncle Jimmy"--grandson of Ahzaipte (or Ahzaiptape or similar sounding name), "Of-the-Water"-- was the father of Guy Quoetone. The latter was a Kiowa Christian leader, founder and a charter member of the First Methodist Indian Mission Church,