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INFORMANT: FRED BIGMAN, KIOWA-APACHE  
INTERVIEW BY: JULIA A. JORDAN  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: KIOWA-APACHE RELATIONS WITH ARAPAHOS AND SOME OTHER TRIBES

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

ARAPAHOS AND CHEYENNES VISITING KIOWA-APACHE DANCES

STORY ABOUT FRED'S GRANDFATHER MAKING CURVED STAFF FOR BLACKFEET DANCE

ARAPAHO SUN DANCE

GIFT EXCHANGE AND INTER-TRIBAL RELATIONSHIPS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Fred Bigman was born in 1900 and has lived most of his life in the vicinity of Fort Cobb and Carnegie. He attended Cache Creek Mission, Cedardale school ( a rural public school east of Carnegie) and Rainy Mountain School for a total of about six grades. His parents were traditional Kiowa-Apaches who never spoke English, and Fred remained close to them until they died. He married Annie Saumpty, a Kiowa, in 1920 and remained married to her until she died in October, 1969. They had one son, Roy Bigman, who died about 1961, and who left a number of children whom Fred and Annie have helped raise. Fred is well informed on the traditional Kiowa-Apache ways of life but is sometimes reluctant to talk about them. Fred has worked in a number of ways for wages, most doing farm labor. He is an ardent peyotist and a peyote leader. He now lives in Anadarko, on Florida Street.

NOTE: This brief interview was recorded on tape but because of the low recording level and background noise, the interviewer decided to transcribe the interview and not preserve the tape.