

Apache Ben, cont.

Ben's brother didn't have any kids. He was the youngest. They called him *co.bi*. That's a Lipan word. He died long before allotment. (DQ on oldest sister's name). There's two of them. I don't know which is the oldest. One of them was married to a Mexican, the other was married to an Apache. Seems like the oldest one was married to an Apache. They called her Beaver Woman. They have kids. There's one living today-- Molly Cisco. *ca'ca'ca* -- Beaver Woman.

The next one was the one married to a Mexican, Molina. I don't know her name. I was too young. She had two boys, and I don't know their name either. Ben didn't tell me. The mother and the two boys died before allotment. They didn't get no land. They died too early before allotment.

Wait--I mixed them up. This old lady, Beaver Woman--there's another one. I don't know the name of the other two--I'm trying to get their name. I just can't think of them now, but some of their grandchildren is living. Ben's next sister, like Molly, this lady's sons are living today. Out of Ben's mother's second daughter, only one is living today. Henry Kasule. His father is white, and he's part Comanche. Ben's sister had a daughter called *gostose*. She had a daughter called Mary Jack, who's part Comanche. And she had a son, Henry Kosule. The third daughter's got two kids. One of these ain't got no kids. She was married, but her kids died before her. But this last got some grandchildren living today. One of the kids is *ista e*. She's the one that has no kids. The other one is *be isbizi*. She's the one that has a daughter living today. That's *i.ca*. She's part Arapaho and part Apache. That's an Arapaho name. It means 'peace pipe.' That *be isbizi* means 'brass bell.' She married two times. Once to a Kiowa, once to an Arapaho. I remember, that sister's name is *si'lo d*. That means 'sore head,' something about a sore on the head.

(DQ Ben was about 35 when he first married?) I don't know. He was pretty young. We got his picture when he was in Indian police. We got it at home. When he was in Indian police, he quit in 1898-1899.

(DQ Did he go to school?) No, not at all. But he talks pretty good English. He understand little bit of Kiowa, but he can talk Comanche pretty good.

(DQ How long was he in the Indian police?) I don't know how long. He quit in 1889-1899. I got his certificate. It's in the house, when he used to be working in the office. I never did read it.

(DQ What did he do before he was in the Indian police?) I don't know. I was born in 1892. Then I knew him, but not too well. Before I married him he was a farmer. He farms on his wife's allotment. He plants wheat. He's got cattle. He got sick--some kinda stroke--and quit farming. He lease all his lands. Lately when I marry him He start farming again. He got lots of implements. In 1942 he started again. He kept that work up, making leases. My boy X Raymond take over the work for him. Ben was leasing the lands, but he don't work. The boys work. Then he got some sickness and he quit in 1947. He wold out, sold all his cattle. That was in 1947-49.

When he married Apache John's daughter, I guess he was pretty good size. And when she was dead, he married this second, Apache John's wife's niece. Old Man Whiteman, that's his father-in-law. They had a little girl. Then the baby died and then the mother died. Then Ben married *ka ar to*. She was the mother of Julia Mulkehay and Della Mulkehay, and a boy. She had three children when she married Ben. I don't know the man. The boy died, and the two girls they married. *ka ar to*'s mother was *di. ca*. And there's two of them sisters -- *ka ar to* and an older sister. *ka ar to* was married before, but she separated from the other man and got the three kids. The boy died, and the two girls got married. They were both married when their mother married Ben.