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Ray Blackbear, Kiowa-Apache

(The first thing I want to ask you is where you were born?)

Well, according to my mother who was in school--went to school at Chilocco Indian school in 1898--and, she tells me that I was born here in Hatchettville. It wasn't Hatchettville then. I don't know what the Apaches refer to it, uh, Ghost Dance Ground. That's where they have their Ghost Dance. Was in August 1, 1903, and was straight up noon, I was born. Right there east of the present Hatchettville, just across the creek.

RAY'S MOTHER, PRISCILLA

(What was your mother's name?)

Priscilla. That's her English name. Priscilla. Her Indian name is uh, it's not complicated, but it's hard. We use to pronounce the word. Shall I pronounce it?

(Yeah.) (Says Apache name.)

Means, well, uh word like revenge. It's a warrior name. Wherever an enemy is captured or kill one of your kin, then you go out and get revenge. That's what the word means. Warriors gave her that name.