

RAY'S FATHER, JOSEPH AND GRANDFATHER, WHITEBEAR:

(What was your father's name?)

Oh. Well, I'll have to put this in two ways, English and Indian. Indian name was (Apache name) which means referring to bear claw. Make necklace out of bear claw. I don't know they get that. However, that's his name and the Kiowas know by (Kiowa name) which means the same thing. And then he got English name, Joseph. Blackbear. And the Blackbear, he been changed by one of our neighbors here when my grandfather was discharged from the army or the scouts. Under General Scott, who he served under in 1874-1875. And he went to work, the our neighbor he's gone, but his boy is still here. He was so dark complected that when he told him his name was Whitebear, he was so dark complected that Jim Myers told him, "No, it's not Whitebear. You're Blackbear." And the name stuck. However, our original name is Whitebear.

RAY'S SIBLINGS:

(Did you have any brothers and sisters?)

Oh, I had a I have 3, 4 sisters. Two dead and two living. I have one brother. He died. That was about 1917 or 1918. His name was Edward. Four sisters and one brother. There's three of us left. My oldest sister is Lily, and the youngest sister is Clara. They're both married and have children. Myself, I had two children. I lost a boy and now I have just one daughter.

(Did your brothers and sisters live with you when you were a child?)

Oh yeah. We lived together with my grandmaw and grandpa and my father and mother. It's an old Indian way that they family sticks together. Way before the white man came here, the Indians always stayed in groups. Especially a family. Therefore, I say we were always pretty close.