

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

BERT GEIKOUMAH WAS BORN IN 1881 AND AT THE AGE OF SEVEN HE VIEWED WHAT HE CALLS THE LAST GOOD SUN DANCE. ON THIS TAPE ARE A COLLECTION OF KIOWA STORIES. AND AT THE END MR. GEIKOUMAH SINGS AN INITIATION SONG SUNG BY THE HORSE TOSSEL SOCIETY OF THE KIOWA.

This is a story about a man and _____. A long, long time ago, there was a band of Kiowas and they always raid at a certain day there was a wolf who comes and he tells the people that there is a man who is killing people. And this wolf always comes to warn the people that there is a man that has a name. That this man could come and let us all get together. We're going to have a race. There are always ten men that are together. We're going to have a race. There are always ten men that are together that would stake their lives and one chief. And they cut their necks. This is a true story. And if you desire Grand-daughter we will tell him the story. And as time rolled on this way, this is an old story. And this person nobody can beat him. He had a fast horse. This was a good horse. Just the fastest thing that what he had. And this man always raced the manfolks. Now take for instance myself he says, I'm a man and nobody will run but me. I'll be the one to race. But this other man he had a fast horse and he is always winning. And these young men are sitting down waiting. He lives in this river that the winner that wins this race cuts his head off and throws them into the river, to this thing that is in the river.-----And uh...and these young men