INTERVIEW WITH ETHEL HOWRY:

(Mrs. Howry, we would like for you to tell us some stories about the Comanches.) What kind of stories?

(Well, first, I would like you to tell us some personal data on your own life history. Then we would like to know something about the Comanches, i.e. where they came from, how long they have been in this area, what happened to them during the reservation period, the land allotment period and so forth.)

Well, my father's name was Mihecoey, Mi-he-co-ey. And my mother's name was Suacker, Su-ac-ke-r. And he was ah...a captive in his young days. He was an Aztec. He was an Aztec from Old Mexico. As he was a little boy him and his older sister had gone to the field...is that the way you want me to tell it?...had gone into the corn field to get roastin' ears, you know, and those Comanches were ah... on a raid, raidin' party. So while the little fellows was in the corn field they noticed them. So they just run in there, and they grab both of them, put 'em on the horse behind them, you know, and run off with 'em, and brought 'em to our band of Indians. So he was adopted into the tribe: so that made him Comanche. And my mother is Comanche too, but she was born and raised right here. Up in the mountains somewhere. I just couldn't tell....around Saddle Mountain or Mt. Scott, or somewhere up in those mountains. But she, they were common people. They were farmers and we lived in a log house at that time: and the people lived in 'dobe houses or dugouts, you might say. I remember...it was big like this room, maybe longer than this room. And we had stove on table, and sometimes we sleep down there. And then we go into our log house during the day time. And so I know..I had kind of a hard life because we had to work. My father died a farmer you know, and there was just two children---me and my brother. We had to work hard after we got old enough to be of any help. So, I was late getting my education. I didn't know, people in those days don't realize the value of an education. There's lot of girls, and boys, that has never seen school, because ah..they didn't...their father and mother'd have cattle and horses and things like that...had their needs you know, their parents didn't