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BERT GEIKOUMAH, KIOWA

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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE IN THE OLD DAYS; STORIES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

EARLY DAY TRADITIONS AND PRACTICES CONCERNING CHILDBIRTH
LIVED WITH HIS GREAT GRANDPARENTS WHEN A CHILD
STARTED TO SCHOOL AFTER THE GRANDPARENTS DIED
STORY OF THE BOYS WHO RAN AWAY FROM SCHOOL AND FROZE TO DEATH
GRANDDAUGHTER SINGS HER GRADUATION SONG IN KIOWA LANGUAGE
MORE ABOUT THE BOYS WHO RAN AWAY FROM SCHOOL
GEORGE HUNT WAS THE "TATTLE TELLER"
REWARD FOR PEELING POTATOES
BOYS WERE ALLOWED TO GO TO TOWN AFTER SCHOOL, AND SUNDAYS
DUKE POOR BUFFALO WAS A PRANKSTER
HE LIKED TO GO TO SCHOOL
LIFE AFTER LEAVING SC' JOL
HIS FATHER WAS A MEDICINE MAN AND A MEMBER OF THE NATIVE
AMERICAN CHURCH
LAND ALLOTMENTS
A GHOST STORY
STORY OF THE CHEAT MAN
STORY ABOUT THE CHEAT MAN WANTING TO MARRY THE WHIRLWIND
WOMAN
MORE ABOUT THE CHEAT MAN

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Bert Geikoumah was born in 1881. He attended the Kiowa school in Anadarko and finished the 6th grade. Mr. Geikoumah is totally blind and bedfast most of the time, however his mind functions quite well. He speaks English fairly well but his hard to communicate with because he is hard of hearing. He lives with his granddaughter, Mrs. Trina Hunter. Mr. Geikoumah was born about three miles north of Mount Scott, near Lawton, Oklahoma.