

Bert Geikoumah, Kiowa

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LAND ALLOTMENTS

(Mr. Geikoumah sings in Kiowa.) He said is I were livin', he says this (not clear)--this is livin'. He said guard that good. That was time when the white man captured the Indians. They were going to kill them out. And (not clear) was right there. But some way he got by.

Granddaughter: Tell him about how you got your allotment, your land.

How the agent had given you your land. Tell him about that.

Oh, well--(Kiowa words)

Granddaughter: A 150 acres. All that you are allowed.

(Did they get to take the land anywhere?)

Granddaughter: Did you get to take the land that you wanted or did they pick it out for you?

No, they oick out what they want. Yeah.

Granddaughter: They picked it out, what they want.

(How many people in your family got allotments?)

Granddaughter: How many in your family had gotten allotments? All of them did.

(Kiowa words--Blossom.)

Blossom: Blossom didn't get no allotment. Eva was the one got an allotment, and Laura. Just two of the oldest girls wasn't it; that got the allotment.

Yeah.

Granddaughter: His mother and father, brother and sisters and two of his oldest girls, his wife, they all got allotments.

(Is this the one that he was (not clear)--)