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JENNY HORSE, KIOWA

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GENERAL SUBJECT:

ORIGIN OF BUFFALO MEDICINE AND DOCTORING OF PNEUMONIA AND SPIDER BITES

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

STORY OF HOW BUFFALO MEDICINE WAS ORIGINALLY GRANTED
BUFFALO WOMAN GAVE HER POWER TO HER BROTHERS
BUFFALO MEDICINE PASSES FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION
STORY ABOUT CURING BOB GOOMBI OF PNEUMONIA
BOTDO WAS MEDICINE USED FOR STOMACH TROUBLE AND DIARRHEA
SWEET ROOT MEDICINE USED TO RENEW STRENGTH IN SICK PEOPLE
PNEUMONIA WAS TREATED BY SUCKING BLOOD CLOT OUT OF PATIENT
CECIL'S MOTHER PRACTICED MIDWIFERY IN THE TRIBE
SHORT DIGRESSION ON GAMBLING
STORY ABOUT TREATMENT OF POISONOUS SPIDER BITES
BUFFALO MEDICINE MEN PRAYED TO BUFFALO WOMAN WHEN THEY DOCTORED
MEDICINE MEN OFTEN DOCTOR TOGETHER
WOMEN NEVER ALLOWED TO WITNESS BUFFALO MEDICINE MEN DOCTORING

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Jenny and Cecil Horse have been married to each other for over fifty years. Cecil Horse was born in 1891 and Jenny is about the same age. Cecil is one of the sons of Hunting Horse, a well known Kiowa who died in the mid-1950's at the age of about 107 years. Jenny's father, Old Man Haumpy was a Buffalo Medicine man and her brother currently possesses the Buffalo Medicine which her father carried. Jenny is also a good craft worker and has done excellent beadwork which she sells. Both Jenny and Cecil are fairly well educated. Cecil attended J.J. Methvin Institute and Chilocco. Also he served as a minister for a number of Methodist church in the area. They are now living on his allotment twelve miles south of Carnegie. Cecil is reported to have opposed the Native American Church as a minister and Jenny states, "We are not powwow people, though we both used to dance and go to powwows." Nevertheless, they attend celebrations such as the Gourd Dance at Carnegie around July 4 and other powwows and celebrations. Jenny and Cecil occasionally speak Kiowa to each other during this tape and Cecil adds some comment to the conversation.

STORY OF HOW BUFFALO MEDICINE WAS ORIGINALLY GRANTED

My grandfather's name is Black Bear and then put his Indian name on there--Sétkóngà. The way he became a medicine man, we were talking