

FATHER'S HISTORY

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This is my father's life ever since he was a young man. That I been told by the Kiowa-apache old people -- my father's story. His great grandfather which they think that he was one of the ancestors of the Western Montana where they been originate with the Kiowas. The Kiowa-Apache was there for many years over in that part of the country. When he lived over there, my great grandfather, they, the ancestors of the ones that was in what they call Kiowa country there. There's a place there where the Kiowas lived together. And the old man that lived little ways from the big camp, so one day the old man told the people there that he heard the geese going over, going over, coming towards the south. They coming over and this old man he heard what those geese had stated. He said, now, he told this old man, now, they said, "You get ready and you tell the people thay all better get away and move away very quick because there's sickness that's coming -- a deadly sickness. That there be quite a few of your people, a lot of your people, childrens and all that be dead on account of that sickness is coming. So, you tell them people to be prepared and go to a place where there would be no sickness that comes to you all. So he went on that morning early. He got up early. He went out and he start talking to the people through the camp. Got on his horse and went from camp to camp. Told them that the message came to me last night and theys a big sickness that coming and that's going to kill a lot of people of your Kiowas and Kiowa-Apaches." So, he says, "He told me to go and tell you people to get to the shelter where you people won't get this disease. Because it's coming. Going to be here. Coming pretty quick.