

or some relation.

Mrs.: Well, tell 'em how they felt ~~about~~ Geronimo?

Mr.: Well, I talked to one old Indian that was one of his band and he was peaceful citizen living west of town and they claim that Geronimo wasn't near as bad as a lot of people thought he was. Jest like a lot of crimes layed on to Jesse James that he didn't do and they claimed that there were a lot of things that were laid on top Geronimo, such as he had a lariout rope made of human hair, 50 feet or longer and he committed various crimes in certain parts of the country--said he wouldn't even there. And he was driven, they claim he was driven to a lot of his depordations by revenge and the story goes that while he and his band were out hunting that a bunch of Mexicans murdered most of his family. And after that, he decided that he was gonna get revenge. So he rampaged the country killing Mexicans and whites and anybody that happened to get in his way. But some of his real kin-folks that I knew that were considered reliable people said that he wasn't as bad as history had him pictured.

(Do you remember some of their names?)

Yeah, I remember this ones name, his name was Sam Houser, he lived west of Apache, had a farm out there. That's his wife that still lives out there.

(How do you spell that--Houser?)

Oh, listen they speelled it various ways.

Mrs.: H o u z e r isn't it? Houzer.

Mr.: Well, last time this son, he had a son that's famous artist and sculpture, he was here, not to long ago and I talked to him. Now he spell his name different than his mother.