

ALFRED CHALEPAH, KIOWA-APACHE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH; KIOWA-APACHE VISITS
 TO ARAPAHO SUN DANCE; LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

EARLY KIOWA-APACHE PEYOTE LEADERS AND CHANGES IN FORM OF
 RITUAL
 KIOWA-APACHE VISITS TO SEE ARAPAHO SUN DANCE NEAR GREENFIELD
 SUN DANCE ENCAMPMENT; PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES; GETTING
 CENTER POST
 OFFERINGS OF CLOTH TIED TO UPRIGHTS AND/OR RAFTERS
 SUN DANCE: HOW PERFORMED
 DANCING TO THE SUN ON THE LAST DAY
 USE OF SAGE BY DANCERS AND FEAST AFTER SUN DANCE IS OVER
 DRUMS USED IN SUN DANCE: DANCE STEP; KIOWA-APACHES WHO SANG
 DEMISE OF SUN DANCE AMONG ARAPAHO
 TRANSFER OF CEREMONIALS
 OFFERINGS OF CALICO
 ALFRED'S GRANDFATHER, CAPTAIN; USE OF SIGN LANGUAGE
 CAMP LIFE AND COOKING
 LIFE IN EARLY DAYS AND FIRST CARS
 MORE ON SUN DANCE AND ALFRED'S LAST VISIT
 CAR TRAVEL, ROADS AND BRIDGES IN THE TWENTIES
 ALFRED'S CHILDHOOD AND SCHOOLING
 HOW ALFRED LEARNED TO DRIVE
 MORE ON LIFE IN CHILDHOOD: MOVING ABOUT
 MARRIAGE, DEATH OF FIRST WIFE, AND MARRIAGE TO SECOND WIFE
 ALFRED'S EXPERIENCE IN HOSPITAL WHEN HE HAD TUBERCULOSIS
 ALFRED'S RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS PARENTS
 ALFRED'S FIRST PEYOTE MEETING
 ALFRED INHERITED APACHE JOHN'S PEYOTE ROAD
 ALFRED'S PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
 ALFRED'S ROLE IN BLACKFEET SOCIETY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Alfred Chalepah was born in 1910 and has lived all his life in the vicinity of Anadarko, Fort Cobb and Apache. He has been active in tribal affairs for many years and is a leader and spokesman of his people. Several times he has served on the C-A-C Business Committee, and has been a director for the Kiowa-Apache on the Anadarko Indian Exposition committee. He is a participant in Native American Church activities and has the right to conduct meetings. He is a leader in the Chalepah group's Kiowa-Apache Blackfoot Dance organization, having inherited the office of "Whip Man" from his uncle, Apache John. Although Alfred has had little formal education, having completed through the sixth grade at Riverside Indian School, he is extremely knowledgeable in almost every area of tribal life, and he is very anxious that his tribal traditions be preserved and the condition of American Indians be made known.