

(What kind of wood did the Kiowas make their bows and arrows out of?)

They made them out of dogwood. And bows, and the make them out of bois d'arc.

There's that grow two kind of bois d'arc. The best bois d'arc bows they make is bows of trees that grow not around here but it grows somewhere way back in the eastern part of the state. It's something like bois'd'arc, but it's harder wood and better made to make a bow. And they make them and then on the end they would have those little spears there to put on there. And all everything was Indian made. The sinew is made out of a buffalo hidew and bow is made out of bois d'arc, two kinds, and they made the arrows out of dogwood.

(What kind of feathers did they use?)

They use--in them days they use different feathers like they use eagle feathers. They use to put on--these crows, you know crows, they make them out of that. They make them out of these chicken hawk. See those birds were there many many years, way back there. And the biggest birds that they got, that's where they get the feathers to make the arrows with. In them days they make them because they had to use them to kill big game with, Buffalo, deers, and they have to get out on the warpath, they use them. They have to make them solid. So that when they shoot it go just as fast as a bullet, and it have to go straight. Got to where it's got plenty weight on the end of it where end of the arrow to where they shoot the arrow it go right straight without turning--a wind couldn't turn it.

(How many feathers did they put on the arrow?)

They have 1, 2, 3, 4, they had four feathers. But today, you see, most of them just got three. Them days they had four. They had a have four because those arrows they got on there makes them arrows go straight. I don't care how bad that wind is blowing, they can't blow those arrows. See, they go they straight and they can shoot it a long ways. They can shoot it a long ways and they had shooters. They shot them arrows you know, and when they shoot it they go, just like a bullet. And when that arrow goes in your body, well you can't pull it out because they have those spears on the end of it, and way back there them days, they make those spears.