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NOTE: This is a continuation of the interview begun on T-146 and is a field trip to various points of interest in the former reservation area. This tape is very brief and is mainly concerned with the Mount Scott Methodist Church. See note on T-146 for more details of this interview.--J. Jordan.

This Mount Scott Church was one of the earliest ones among the Kiowas. They still have services here. That's where the preacher was living--over there where we passed. This is the original building. It's made out of native rocks. Fort Sill is over there. (This is a well-built, well-furnished and kept up church.) See the windows? I don't believe you find these kind of windows anymore. Yeah, Indians helped build it. Kickingbird and my dad, and some others. Yeah, this is an old Methodist church. They used to have their Christmas tree right up on that stage there. Old Man Horse came in here one time with a buckskin suit on. He was sitting over here somewhere, in the front, all dressed up in Indian clothes.

Yeah, they used to sing in Kiowa. They had Kiowa hymns. They preached in Kiowa, too. Kickingbird's the one that preached in Kiowa. They changed and started preaching in English in the 1940's or something. The old people, they're all gone now. Kickingbird, a Kiowa man, was preacher up here. He talked in Kiowa. He read a book and then he'd talk in Kiowa and explain it in Kiowa. And a little later on they got a white man preacher there. And he had to have an interpreter. He'd read the book and let an Indian talk--talk Indian to them. (Who were the interpreters?) Sometimes Guy Quoetone and Albert Horse, and there were some other who used to interpret for the preachers. Then a little later on--in the 1940's, I think--the bishop of the church said this