

ALTAIDL'S STORY: EARLY KIOWA HISTORY:

Well this is a story that has been way back there in the time of the Indians living around the Blackfoot Hills up there west of Montana and west of Wyoming. They call it Kiowa. So when they lived in there, they-- the Indian people--and the Kiowa people, Kiowa-Apache people--were together of those days way back there. Those two tribes were together at all times. And wherever the buffalo went, well, they would follow them. That was their food. That was their food they lived on. They live on the meat that they get from the buffalo and the hides they get from them is to tan it, to make their tipis. And they also make covers out of them. They tan them and they soften them just like quilts. And they were way back there before there was any country or anything was open. And when the buffalo would go in a certain place, well they would follow them, mostly along in the winter. They would follow them wherever they would go and then they would camp all through there where there was water plenty of water. Where they was roaming and there was plenty of water that they could use you know. And they would fish and they would hunt for smaller game-- of deers and different other foods that they could eat. And then on the trees they found a lot of wild fruit that beared fruit that they eat and of course in those days they don't know what flour--They don't know what coffee--they don't know what sugar--or nothing like it they didn't know. Even bread they didn't know. So when the war parties, when they go south way back up towards Mexico down through Texas--down way south of Texas, when they go back in there, well, they bring a bread that's made out of pure corn. Just pure corn. And it is already baked and all ready to eat. They would go down there and they would trade for it. They give something to buy that from those people way back up south. So when they come back over there well, they would bring stuff from over there and people would