

lake. They say it's got tipi pole tracks, and horses (tracks)--all his belongings, he took them in that lake.

(Is this a long time ago?)

Long time ago. That's, oh, good many years, way back. And this old lady, she told us the same thing that--which this story's been told. This little short story. But the full lake of historic (Alfred's words are a little mixed here, but he means the "full story" or the "full history of that lake") has never been brought out, which way Apaches moved from there. But Apache Ben said he was born in Nebraska. Yeah, he said he was born in Nebraska. He was pretty well up in age. I guess he could of lived longer if he'd just watched his diet. He's a diabetic.

(What state is Devil's Lake in?)

It's in North Dakota, I believe.

(Have any of the Apaches from here ever been up there?)

Yeah, I seen just one or two. Maybe one. That was Florence Killsfirst. She's Apache. Her name was Florence--(end of tape).

NOTE: According to field notes taken at the time of this interview, Florence Killsfirst was Florence Komardly. The Komardly family are Kiowa-Apache but are supposedly descended from another Apache group, the Kadesos, or Keresos, of which some remnant probably became affiliated with the Kiowa-Apache. The Komardly family is also known as Kadeso, and also as White. Members of this family may go by any of these names. They are descendants of Jim White. In the above discussion where Alfred is talking about the Devil's Lake story he says: "...them White peoples over here says,..." and it seems likely to me that he is referring to members of the White family, who, after Florence's trip to the north, are convinced that the Devil's Lake she visited is the one of tribal tradition. There is a Devil's Lake in North Dakota, located on the Fort Totten (Devil's Lake) Indian Reservation. The Indians on this reservation are Sioux of the Sisseton, Wahpeton, and Pabaksa divisions. Jimmie Killsfirst, Florence's husband, was a Siou, but the Apaches were never specific about which Sioux division he was from. It is also possible that Alfred's words would be interpreted as: "...them white peoples over here says,..." and that he could be referring to some anthropologist such as Gilbert McAllister or James Mooney, who might have suggested the connection between Devil's Lake, North Dakota, and the lake of the tradition.--J. Jordan.