

T-17-2 (Second of Two Interviews)
CHARLIE PALMER, KIOWA
RUTH PALMER, COMANCHE
INTERVIEWED BY: JULIA A. JORDAN
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TRANSCRIBED BY: JULIA A. JORDAN

GENERAL SUBJECT: FAMILY BACKGROUND AND STORY OF HOW PEYOTE
CURED A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANTS:

Ruth and Charles Palmer are in their fifties or sixties. They run the Hog Creek Trading Post and Jurio Store several miles east of Anadarko on Highway 4. They deal in Indian curios and craft items, and also handle some pawn. Charlie's mother was the descendant of Mexican captives of the Kiowas, and his father was "Choctaw Bill Palmer, of mixed Choctaw and white descent. Ruth Palmer, Charlie's wife, is Comanche. Their trading post is a busy place and a center for the dissemination of gossip and news in the "grapevine" network of communication.

INTERVIEW CONDITIONS: This interview took place in the kitchen of Charlie's home, a small room just off the main room of the trading post. I had just finished the interview with Able Bigbow (Side A of this tape) and we were talking on the subject of Choctaw Bill, Charlie's dad. Charlie, at first, seemed a little reluctant to talk about his real father, as if I might be embarrassed to hear about Choctaw Bill's many marital ventures. But he and Ruth finally began talking about him so I turned the recorder on, and for a while, at least we talked without the self-consciousness of being aware of the recorder.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Able Bigbow