

the ground is where the strength was. But when they dig that out, they set it out and they put a piece of red cloth in that little hole where they dug this root out, and a bunch of blue beads. In place of that. They left that there. That was their ritual--their faith. Red cloth and blue beads. That was the Comanche way.

(Do you know what the name of that lady was that had the power to get that?)

No. I don't. In fact I never met her. I don't know how they gather it now if they gather it at all. But I know that probably the Apaches used to go by and pick her up or something like that. Maybe they just went out there and dug it the way they wanted to without any rituals.

(Would you happen to remember what locality she lived in?)

No, I don't.

(Or about how long ago that was?)

Oh it's been about thirty years. Maybe more than thirty years. We got a lot of Comanches that used to come down here and we learned a lot of their ways that I never came in contact with.

KIOWA-APACHES WHO INTERACTED WITH ARAPAHOS

(Do you remember the names of any of the Apaches that used to get that medicine?)

They're all gone--Blackbear, and Big Alex and Apache Ben, and several of them.

(Do you remember any other names?)

Well, Noble Star was one. He was part Arapaho-Apache. And I think he had a cousin or half-brother named Clarence Star. I know they knew something about it. There's a lot of Arapaho-