

His first wife was an Apache--A Kiowa-Apache. Then he married an Arapaho woman, and then another Arapaho woman--Goodkiller. His daughter is living in Kingfisher now. Her name is Mabel Horn--used to be Mabel Medicine Bird. There used to be lots of Kiowa-Apaches with us there then. There was lots of inter-marriage. When the Apaches moved south, he moved south with them. Among the Arapahoes in them days there were Indian witches. A fellow that was going to marry that Apache woman was against him all his life. Old Medicine Bird was going after his ponies one day, while he was living west of Apache (the town of Apache.). There was a bunch of women down at the creek. Two of the women started to come back. One of them was the woman he later married. When he met them he said he was thirsty and asked for a dipper of water. This woman gave him some water. The witch-man saw him, and saw this woman that he wanted give him some water. A week later Old Medicine Bird's throat swelled up real big. That's how this man witched him--caused his throat to swell. And that's how he came to join the peyote lodge--to get cured. At this time Old Medicine Bird was staying with Lone Man, an Arapaho man married to an Apache woman and who had moved south with the Apaches.

Several years after that, Old Medicine Bird established his own peyote way, this is, his songs. His way was similar to the Apaches' but he had his own songs. Eventually Medicine Bird died of the swelling in his throat. It came back on him in 1903 and he died. He was going to run a meeting at Carlton. He told me to make the fire for him. Also I whistled (with bone whistle) outside. I thought he was going to run the meeting. He had accepted the smoke already. There were four or five men that couldn't get in the tipi and stayed outside. I went on in, but I didn't know it was a different man running the meeting. They fumigated with cedar and passed the peyote. Then when they started singing, about the third or fourth songs I notice that Sharp, his cousin, was singing. He (Old Medicine Bird) had given that smoke to his cousin. He had got sick all at once and couldn't come in. In the morning he came in, with