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MOLLY CISCO, KIOWA-APACHE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS; SOME  
OLD STORIES

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

LIFE HISTORY MATERIAL

APACHE BEN, HIS FATHER, AND OTHER RELATIONS

BIG WHIP; A CAPTIVE

MOLLY'S SCHOOLING

MOLLY'S HUSBAND, RAILROAD CISCO, A TONKAWA

REMINISCENCES OF OLD DAYS

STORY ABOUT RABBIT AND OTHER ANIMALS

TRICKSTER STORY: "MONKEY" STEALS BEADS, ETC.

WILD POTATOES

ABOUT STORIES

OLD LADIES, IN ACHILTA FAMILY, WHO USED TO TELL MOLLY  
STORIES

MOLLY'S GRANDFATHER ASSOCIATED WITH "GERONIMO" APACHES

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Molly Cisco does not know her birth date, but thinks she was about 84 at the time of this interview. She has for several years been regarded as the oldest Kiowa-Apache. She is still living in 1972.

She was born in an Apache camp west of Fort Cobb, and raised in the vicinity of her maternal grandparents near present Cement, Oklahoma, where they were eventually allotted land. Molly's own allotment was near Boone, Oklahoma and this is where she still lives, today, with her daughter and other relatives. Molly's maternal uncle was Apache Ben Chaletsin. This family has Lipan and possibly Mescalero connections. Apache Ben is reputed to have been half-Lipan. Molly married Railroad Cisco, a Tonkawa, and lived for some time in the Tonkawa area, but mostly near Boone on her allotment. Her husband died some time ago. Their three surviving children are Roy, Buckley, and Vera. Molly is a rather shy and retiring old lady who still enjoys playing the handgame and attending the Apache Blackfeet dances. She speaks English fairly well, but with a pronounced accent, and speaks Kiowa-Apache fluently, one of the few persons living to whom Kiowa-Apache is their first language.