

olden days they give horses and everything away.

KIOWA SILVER WORK

(They did. Well, did you say that your dad also did some silver work?)

Yeah. Yeah, he do some silver work and he got--some of my cousins do that.

Jim Takone they call him, he's about the--well he do a lot of this peyote (work).

Design these birds you know--they wear and pins. Well he do a lot of that kind, him and his wife. Molly Takone. She died not very long ago. She used to be in town all the time. Molly Takone. Jim Takone, that's his wife.

(Is he still living?)

N, he's dead a long time ago.

(How about Molly?)

She's dead too. She died about two years ago. They get this silver money, like fifty cents and dollar. They pound on it. They used silver like that, way back. They didn't have no silver way back like they do now, like this sterling and German silver work. They even use spoons--flatten silver spoons to make birds and things like that.

(Oh, they did. Well, did you tell me about how the Kiowas learned how to do the silver work?)

I don't know where they got it, but they been doing that kind of work a long time.

(They have?)

Just like those people up there--maybe that's where they got it--from these different tribes. You know they're wearing a lot of silver and it's been taken way back.

(Did your dad work with German silver?)

No, they flatten that money. Mexican money or American money--anything they can get hold of that's made out of silver, they flatten it out and then they--

(What kind of things did he make?)