

French brothers--that were here five years--you know, in the United States studying the Plains Indians. And he said, well, I know they were here five years, but what it was their work was--And I asked about Catlin, the early historian, and Thompson, this early surveyor, and--let's see--what's the other man's name? Reeding, I think, is his name. Early historical writers about the Cheyennes and Arapahoes. And about this here often-talked about Sacajawea--the Shoshone. There's no settled opinion on her. The Mandans claim she was a Mandan--and married a white man after she became--came back as a captive from the Indians out there in Nevada and those places. And then he went--I got his name somewhere--as a guide. Her and her man were guides. And that she was really a Mandan, but the Shoshones said she was a Shoshone. But now the Oklahoma Comanche story says Sacajawea came south. She didn't die out there in Colorado--I mean at Ft. Washakie, Wyoming--neither did she die at west of the Missouri River in the Mandan tribe. She came down here and died here in Oklahoma Territory--Indian Territory. That's what the Comanches say now. Now I don't know which is true.

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(Do they add any more to that?)

No. But they--the Oklahoma Comanches--always say she came south when the Shoshone tribe split. Part--a portion of them was friendly to the Arapaho. And she was part Comanche, that was friendly to the Arapaho, and she came south. Because they admired the Arapahoes' ways and songs, and costumes--you know, styles. And they want to be close to the Arapahoes. Well, the Kiowas, who were part Caddoan stock (Jess is wrong here--Kiowa may be related to Tanoan but certainly not Caddoan--jj), were up there then, and they came along and drifted down south with the Shoshones--I mean the Shoshones who were then known as Shoshones, but became later known as Comanches. And they affiliated with the Comanches. So they've been with them, and they're with them today. But now they're split. I guess you know about that. Right today they broke up their Indian tribal relationship--the Comanche and Kiowa. They broke up their constitution, their