

T-222-1 (First of Two Interviews)  
RAY BLACKBEAR, KIOWA-APACHE  
INTERVIEWED BY: JULIA A. JORDAN  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: APACHE-TONKAWA RELATIONS AND PEYOTE

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

APACHE-TONKAWA RELATIONS  
KADESO FAMILY  
TONKAWAS AND PEYOTISM  
GETTING PEYOTE IN TEXAS  
KICKAPOOS, PEYOTE  
PAST PEYOTE TROUBLES  
BECOMING A PEYOTE CHIEF

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Ray Blackbear was born near the present town of Hatchettville in 1903. He is a Kiowa-Apache and a fluent speaker of the language. He is married to a Kiowa and lives on an allotment about two miles west of the junction of Highways 19 & 58. Ray died in February, 1969. Ray was the son of Joe and Priscilla Blackbear, and the grandson of Old Man Blackbear who served in L Troop. Ray was active in Native American Church activities, and in the revitalized Kiowa-Apache Blackfeet Society. He was a noted singer and composed many of the Blackfeet songs in use today.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Howard Soontay, Kiowa-Apache  
Alice Soontay, Kiowa  
Ray Blackbear, Kiowa-Apache