

RELATIONS OF KIOWA-APACHES AND ARAPAHOS

(Do you know anything about the relations of the Apaches with the Arapahoes?
I heard that a long time ago, they used to be with the Arapahoes?)

Howard: Well, they were for a brief period of time. But not for very long, according to the way I heard. We have some Apaches that are (part) Arapahoes. You know Josie Star? Her daddy is part Arapaho. And Cleo Flute--she lives in town--her mother was part Arapaho. So, I imagine there was some connection between the Arapahoes and the Apaches. But that was only for a brief period.

(Did you ever hear how it ever happened how they got acquainted or anything like that?)

Howard: No, I never did. It might have been only just for the period around the Medicine Lodge Treaty. I know they were together then, and they tried to be a band of Arapahoes, according to the history--white man history. Of course, Indians told it that way too, some of them. I don't know whether they had any relationship before then or not.

(Did your father or any of your relatives ever have any stories to tell about living around the Arapahoes?)

Howard: No, never did. I never heard Dad talk about Arapahoes. Or any other Apache for that matter, only just to hear-- Later, when I got to be a man, people would talk about it. And they never did really match in as being a part of the Arapahoes--that is, lived with them for any period of time. It was just sort of temporary relationship--whatever it was--for only a brief period.

(Did you ever hear how they separated, or why they separated from them?)

Howard: No. Only according to the history, you probably know, they tried to go in with a band of Arapahoes over at the Medicine Lodge Treaty, but I don't know just how it happened how they came in with the other--Kiwias and Comanches. And, of course, their relationship with the Arapahoes, there, was