

they all come from. And he went--I don't know how many miles he went--and when he come to that place where they're all moving away from, he got there and he seen nobody there. Not a soul there. But he seen a woman was sitting. Just sitting by herself. And she was covered up, you know, with her blanket. And this man got off and went to examine this woman that sitting there, and it was his aunt, I guess, that he was looking for. And here she turned to a rock. So he couldn't do nothing with her. That's the way he used to tell it when he come back to that camp. And many people I guess that didn't believe it, they went back to see, and sure enough, it was a woman covered with a blanket, sitting--the way she was sitting. I guess God must have changed her, you know, because it was cruel what they done to her--to leave her. I guess it was best for her just to turn into a rock. But they say they never see nobody there when they were all camping there--in a rock like that.

(Did that woman have a name?)

I guess she had a name, but they didn't tell us.

(Did they ever tell you the name of that man who went to look for her?)

No. They just said it was her nephew that went to look for her.

(You said that was a true story?)

Yeah.

STORY CATEGORIES

(How would you say "true story" in Arapaho?)

hiəw.wuh(w) -- hiəw.wuh(u)w stw'w -- That's true story.

(What kind of stories would you call those White Man stories?)

Oh, they just say "tales."

(Is there a word for "fairy tale"?)

No. haetaet w

(Are there some other true stories you could tell me?)

No. I just know this one. Folks just told us about it.

(Where did you hear that?)

Mother used to tell about it. She knew it. She said she know that woman and that family that left her. I don't know--she didn't name them.