

TRANSFER OF HONORARY 'I'AUM TITLE FROM KIOWA, ZEBA'EDAL, TO COMANCHE, ATTOCKNIE

Yes. You could get lot of that story from Mooney's History of the Kiowa Calendar. More details of it. But this ze.ba'edl that was made a prince-- nobody can give that to anyone else--bestow it on anybody else except him. Because he has a monopoly. And he's considered the prince of all the tribe. And only him. It cost him lot of ponies and material things to get that honor that was bestowed by some tribe up north. I think we can get it from Mooney's book. I never have looked at it. But now he lived till 1895, I think. Or a little before--somewhere in there. He bestowed that to Attocknie--Albert Attocknie's father, Attocknie. A Comanche.

(How did he happen to bestow it on Attocknie?)

Well, he was considered what that last history--you remember--did you read those reports by Wes LaBarre and Jane Richardson and those fellow's report where it says about the 'i.ŭm--"Rank and File of the Kiowas?" (referring to Bernard Mishkin's "Rank and Warfare among the Plains Indians.")

(I've read part of it.)

Well, I've got it. Attocknie was supposed to be 'o.de or well off (referring to the highest ranked class among the Kiowas--Onde)--wealthy. In cattle and horses. And that's only bestowed on one that's highly ranked--respected. Honorable. And they were eligible. And... had fixed him up to bestow that among the Comanche tribe. And the whole Kiowa tribe took part. And there were thousands of horses given away on both sides. And blankets and everything that you might be considered worth given away. Batches of guns, and batches of blankets and material things like that and horses, cattle. And so he was the last one to bestow it. And he didn't bestow that 'i.ŭm to nobody till 1842. He bestowed it to Old Man Kotay (ko.te) Allie Kotay's father. (Or Allie Coty or Cody) Coty is short for ko.te.