

They don't go through a ceremony to hand it down--they just inherit it in their family. Nobody else. That's the way it is with this. (Pause) I tell you who could give you that 'iywum song--that Apache boy that done that dance--Stuart Klinkole--if he hasn't forgot it. He lives over here in Apache.

(I know who he is).

Maybe he could give you some stories about the dances. He no doubt knows the songs yet. He may be like me, though--he may not be able to sing! You know, you can't sing after you're past your seventy-fifth year. I'm eighty-two last Sunday.

(I think you do real good. I like to hear you sing.)

I can't anymore.

(Let me ask you another question. Could more than one person hold this office at the same time?)

Well, the father and the son and the daughter--three. They all three can hold it.

(But no other family?)

No. That's all. But after they die, they inherit that--it goes down.

'I'AUM GIVEN TO KLOWAS BY CHEYENNES; GIFT OF BEADED DECORATED ELK SKIN

(Before Old Man Zeba edal, did other Kiowas before him hold that office?)

No. It belonged to the Cheyennes. It came from the Cheyennes--that 'iywum--it came from the north.

(Could you tell me more about that?)

No--that was a hundred years ago. I just only know what I see. And grandpa give me that saddleblanket. Not grandpa--but grandpa when he died gave it to his daughter and his daughter was married to my uncle, Sam Ahtone. When Sam Ahtone was getting old, I asked him what he was going to do with that blanket. And he said, "Do you want it?" And I said, "Yeah." So he give it to me.