

KIOWA CALENDARS

(I just asked you if they ever used to keep track of the years on the tipis, and you said they did not. That it was just on the calendars. And then you said that there were just a few people that had calendars, and that whenever anybody--)

Well, the only ones that had calendars made copies from the original custodians of the calendars. Hawbawt, Poolaw--George Poolaw, and another old man, they call him Charlie Buffalo. That's Homer Buffalo's step-father. They was kin to Hawbawt and probably got a copy of it. And I think Frank Givens probably had a copy. That's Setangia's boy. Second to the oldest. Setangia (Satank, Sitting Bear)--that was killed at Fort Sill.

(These custodians--did they have any special reason for keeping their calendars?)

No. I think they carried them--built them--year to year, really, to keep a record of their own events for their own-- Just like a hobby you would have of your own. I think that's the only reason that they have them.

(Did very many people ever go to them and want to find out certain things?)

Oh, yes. When something very important happened, and they don't know, then they run to them. Because they've got that. Or they get into controversy. Old Indians are telling story of some event way back there and they don't agree and then, "Let's see what the records say. Let's go see--" And it proves that.

(Was this kind of thing going on before Mooney came out or after Mooney came out?)

Well, I think this original was out long time before anybody had any.

And I think most of these others--calendars--was made after the Indians