

suggested to me once that if I didn't want any children, she could see to it. I said, "No, I'll let nature take care of its course. And otherwise I'm healthy and I hope the girl I'll eventually marry will be healthy. That's all I want--just so they're normal--no lung trouble or no poor eyesight that would be inheritable, you know. And that's the way I always judged my future them days.

(Do you have any idea what your mother would have done if you'd have--?)

Oh, she'd probably have got someone--maybe some relative of hers--a woman--a specialist--that would perform that treatment for the girl. But I didn't--I wouldn't consider it.

(Did they do any--was there ever any treatment for the man?)

Well, indirectly, I'd say there might have been, you know, treatment for a man, through own desire or hope and wishes that he wouldn't have no children. It'd be an empty home to marry, you know, and never have no children to love, and you know, meet these desires and obligations even after the parents--his and the girl's parents would all be gone. I couldn't see to that.

(What about this desire not to have too many children? Like they might want some, but they wouldn't want to have too many. Is there anything they might do to limit how many children they want?)

I know of one case. He was a part Kiowa-Arapaho--that Koomsa's father--he's my cousin. Of course in the Indian way, we're familiar with our language--and he had a daughter that was two years older than Bill--Bill Koomsa, or George, or Bob--either one of those boys was two years younger than their sister and the last boy was two years younger than his brother. And she said, she told me, she said, "How many children you got?" I says, "I got three." She said, "How old are they?" I said, "Well, I expect they're about two or three years apart." My oldest daughter and then she has a sister three years younger than her. And three years after that another girl born. And she said, "That's the way I like to space my children. Whenever I'm pregnant, I always tell your brother to go on and if you want to be with a woman, go to some other woman. Turn him loose. But I don't want him bringing anything that I don't want to catch from another woman that's not healthy." And she says, "He always responds all right. He don't come near me until after I wean