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GUY QUOETONE, KIOWA

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GENERAL SUBJECT: CONJURING, TALKING WITH SPIRITS, OWL PROPHETS,
GHOST SICKNESS, AND STORY OF THREE KIOWA SCHOOL
BOYS WHO FROZE TO DEATH

PARTICULAR TOPICS:

DISCUSSION OF KIOWA CONJURERS OR SPIRIT MEDIUMS
DESCRIPTION OF CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO SPIRIT MEETING
INFORMATION ON KIOWA MEXICAN CAPTIVE, TSAL-PA OR CHAL-PA
STORY OF THE THREE KIOWA SCHOOLBOYS WHO FROZE TO DEATH
DOHASON'S KIOWA CALENDAR.
OWL PROPHETS
LUTHER SAHMAUNT HEARS HIS BROTHER'S SPIRIT
OWL PROPHET STORIES
HAWBAWT KILLS AN OWL
OWL SICKNESS
HAWBAWT SHOOTS AT A GHOST
STORY OF HOW GUY'S FACE WAS TWISTED BY A GHOST AND HOW HE
CURED HIMSELF
GUY CURES A MEXICAN OF A TWISTED FACE
CEDAR AND SAGE
STORY ABOUT GUY'S GRANDFATHER, LOST IN A SNOW STORM AND FOUND
BY HELP OF SPIRIT MEDIUM
DESCRIPTION OF SEANCE CONDUCTED FOR KIOWAS BY A WHITE
SPIRITUALIST

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Guy Quoetone was born October 15, 1885. He is a Methodist minister, now retired and has been active in church work for many years. He is also a student of Kiowa history, having been interested in listening to stories told by the old-timers about life and happenings in the old days. He has written notes and memoranda concerning many of these happenings in recent years, but they are his own composition and from his memory of either viewing them or hearing them from other Kiowas. He has often served in the Indian police, and was an interpreter for the Surveyors when the country was opened up. At 82 he is laert, articulate, and seems to have a very good memory of things in past years. He is hard of hearing and sometimes misunderstands questions or must have them repeated.

Interview Situation: Interview took place in kitchen of Guy's, 12 miles south of Carnegie. Guy had some things to show me, some letters asking him for information on Kiowa history, a xeroxed copy of a page from a book by Elsie Clews Parsons, some old photos, some of his own notes, etc. Conversation started on description of Kiowa conjuring taken long ago from Kiowa prisoners at St. Augustine, Florida. Guy was comparing the written account with his own experience.