

and all that's going to go away and you're going to become a preacher. Sure enough, he talk him into it and he joined the church. He became one of the first Kiowa preachers in the old western district here. He was the original. He didn't go to school any, he just barely could read his Bible. He come to me lots of times and I have to read it to him, and explain it to him so he could preach. I read it to him. He understand that. And he became a deacon, in fact I was his helper.

(Really!)

Really. I was his helper in the early days and I married into--Helen's mother was niece--Kickingbird's niece. So he comes over there and talks all the time and read. Me and Helen's mother help him run the Sunday School and church. I run the Sunday School for him and Helen's mother teach and I teach and he preached. That's way it goes.

(How old was he when he joined the church?)

When he first started? He must have been around 45.

(Pretty old, well, still young man, still young man.)

Somewhere about that date when he became a preacher.

(Well, how old were you when you started helping him?)

When I was? Well, I didn't start helping him until I was about 10 or 20 years old. About time I got married into the family. Me and my wife we attended the early mission school in Anadarko. J.J. Medford Mission School. And you ever read--I guess you can go to the library at Norman and dig up books by Thomas Battey. Quaker among the Kiowas.

(Uh-huh I read it.)

And you get a lot of information from that.

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(What was the mission school you attended, like?)

What?