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JENNY AND CECIL HORSE, KIOWA
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GENERAL SUBJECT:

DOCTORING AND PRACTICE OF WITCHING

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

STORY ABOUT CHIBATO, A FAMOUS MEDICINE MAN WHO INTRODUCED PEYOTE
CHIBATO AND BINERO HELPED QUANAH PARKER DO DOCTORING
NUMEROUS MESCALEROS CAME FROM NEW MEXICO TO SETTLE ON OKLAHOMA
RESERVATIONS

HOW INDIANS BECOME WITCHES

WITCH DOCTORS ASSIST IN MAKING PEACE BETWEEN INDIANS

STORY ABOUT GOTOTAI, WHO RAN AWAY WITH A CHIEF'S WIFE

STORY ABOUT TONOKOUT, WHO ACCIDENTALLY KILLED ANOTHER INDIAN

HUNTING HORSE'S FIRST DAUGHTER WAS NAMED PRINCESS

SIOUX MADE GIFT OF ELK TEETH DRESS TO PRINCESS

BIG CEREMONY HELD IN HONOR OF PRINCESS

HOW WITCHES GO ABOUT INFLECTING PAIN AND REMOVING IT

BLACK HANDKERCHIEF USED IN WITCH DOCTORING

NOT ALL DOCTORS WERE ALSO WITCHES.

STORY ABOUT HUNTING HORSE BEING WITCHED IN THE BACK

HOW BLOOD CLOTS WERE REMOVED FOR A CURE

SUCTION TUBES USED IN REMOVAL OF CLOTS WERE MADE OF COW HORN

WITCH DOCTORS HELD IN LOW ESTEEM BY THE INDIANS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANTS:

Cecil Horse was born in 1891 and is now living on his allotment twelve miles south of Carnegie. Cecil has been married to Jenny Haumpy over fifty years. She is about the same age as Cecil. He is one of the sons of Hunting Horse, a well-known Kiowa who died in the mid-1950's at the age of about 107. Cecil and Jenny are both fairly well educated. He attended the J.J. Methvin Indian School and also Chilocco. He became active in the Methodist Church and has served as a minister for a number of Indian Methodist Churches in this area. He has also had experiences with the peyote religion. He is retired from active ministry now, but is very proud of his service in this respect. Jenny's father, Old Man Haumpy was a Buffalo Medicine man and her brother currently possesses the Buffalo Medicine which her father carried. Jenny is a good craft worker and has done excellent beadwork which she sells. Cecil is reported to have opposed the Native American Church as a minister, and his wife, Jenny, states, "We are not pow-wow people, though we both used to dance and go to pow-wows." Nevertheless, they attend celebrations such as the Gourd Dance at Carnegie around July 4 and other pow-wows and celebrations. Cecil is hard of hearing and Jenny assists, therefore, both in English and Kiowa.