

and they got them feathers on their heads. That's why they call them "Horse Tassels."

(What kind of feathers were they?)

Eagle feathers, I guess--plumes. Eagle plumes.

(Did you say they were pink?)

Yeah, they were painted--dyed. Different colors that were pretty. They style, you know, they use them on horses, and they ride them, you know, and they got feathers on their head.

(What did they use to color the feathers with?)

They use red and yellow and blue.

(How did they get their colors?)

I couldn't tell you. I'm just helpless. I can't tell you. But that's a story. Yeah, you can't hardly tell where they get the red and yellow paint.

(I just wondered if it came from a plant?)

They come from some kind of a plant. Some kind of red and yellow plant. They boil it and they get the feathers painted in there.

(Did you know the name of that plant?)

Well, I don't know, some kind of plant that's growing now.

(Kiowa) Some kind of a plant, they call them, "bear fruit"--seit ei.--"bear fruit". It's growing around here. You know them plants--it's got big leaves. People used to eat them when them plants is young and tender. I forgot the name of them.

(Is that the same plant that the white people call "pokeweed"?)

Yeah. That's the one. They eat it. Yeah, you know, it's good when it's tender,

(How did you call it in Kiowa?)

They call them "bear fruit"--seit ei.

(O.K. Well, could you tell us some more about this Horse