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JENNY AND CECIL HORSE, KIOWAS

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GENERAL SUBJECT:

ABOUT BUFFALO MEDICINE: CEDAR, ROOTS, GRASS, AND VARIOUS CURES

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

REMARKS ABOUT WITCHES AND GREAT SPIRIT

STORY OF ORIGIN OF BUFFALO MEDICINE

BUFFALO WOMAN PASSED HER BLESSING TO HER FOUR BROTHERS

BUFFALO MEDICINE CLAN DID NOT BELIEVE IN WITCHING

SPECIAL FEATHERS, CEDAR, CERTAIN ROOTS AND GRASSES USED IN
DOCTORING

PEYOTE USED AS A PAIN-KILLER

SWEET ROOT AND SWEET LEAF USED AS PERFUMES AND STOMACH ACHE CURE

SWEET-SMELLING CEDAR REFERRED TO IN THE BIBLE

A CERTAIN SEED WAS USED AS A LOVE MEDICINE

SALT WAS USED BY INDIANS TO CLEAN THEIR TEETH

GOVERNMENT NOW CONTROLS HARVESTING OF CERTAIN ROOTS THAT INDIANS USE

KIOWA MEDICINE MEN ONLY DOCTOR WITH OTHER KIOWA DOCTORS

HOW THE INDIANS DOCTORED THEIR SKIN TROUBLES

SUCKING TUBE WAS MADE OUT OF HORN

KIOWA WOMEN USED BONE SCRAPERS TO CLEAN HIDES

DEER TOE BONES USED AS PART OF SOME INDIAN GAMES

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 years. Cecil and Jenny are both fairly well educated. He attended the J. J. Methvin Institute 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 also 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 powwow people, though we both used to dance and go to powwows." Nevertheless, they attend celebrations such as the Gourd Dance in Carnegie around July 4 and other powwows and celebrations. Cecil is hard of hearing and Jenny assists, therefore, in both English and Kiowa.