

REMARKS ABOUT WITCHES AND GREAT SPIRIT

Cecil: One time the idol was sitting behind the tipi. Three forked trees. They were sitting on the ground. It was tied on top of them sticks. When they going to go off somewhere they take that idol and tie it way on top, where them tipi poles come together. Tie with a rope up there. That's where they tie them. That's where they kept them witch--them idols.

(Did the Kiowas ever kill the witches?)

Cecil: Yeah. Well, this last one they were laying. My father, he witch another young man in the back. And this young fellow couldn't walk. They got mad at who done it. And they was gonna lay out for him. There was a road that run from one creek to another. There's a camp on that side and a camp--but they had a little bridge and the road come and they gonna lay for him. If he comes through there, they was gonna take a gun and kill him. But they didn't do it. But that's as far as they got. They laid for him to kill. Now the white people, they've got them.

(They do.)

Cecil: I bet even some in Oklahoma. Let's see, they had one at Lawton. I read in the paper, he lived in a haunted house. Haunted house what they call it.

(Yeah, haunted house.)

Cecil: That's something. I often wondered why it happens that way. (I guess there's lots of things they still don't know much about.)

Cecil: The way I think, that when a person die is a good Christian woman or man, he goes to heaven cause that person don't ever want to come back. And that there's a big gulf that is linked between the earth and heaven. Nobody can go across. Well, how come that