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Other information about father \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of Mother Margaret Parker Monohan Place of birth Ireland

Other information about mother \_\_\_\_\_

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and story of the person interviewed. Refer to Manual for suggested subjects and questions. Continue on blank sheets if necessary and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached 4

This legend is based on facts. It has been handed down from generation to generation until now it is regarded as a bedtime story.

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## LEGEND Kiowa.

## Chief Lone Wolf and His Unfaithful Wife.

A long time ago there was an Indian named Chief Lone Wolf. When he was young he was taught how to use the bow and arrow. When he grew older he went hunting with his father. In those days the Indians would go hunting and stay away for three or four days at a time.

Finally the boy grew into manhood. He wanted to get married, so he asked his father if he might. His father said "Yes", so he got married to a young and beautiful Indian girl. They got along fine and were happy until Pawnee enemies came and attacked the tribe. The Pawnees killed many of the Kiowa tribe. They took Chief Lone Wolf's wife. They took her far, far away. Chief Lone Wolf was broken hearted and one morning he went to a mountain which was about a mile from camp. He climbed the highest peak and faced the sun which was just coming up. He raised his hand and prayed to the sun that he might get his wife back some way. As he was praying he heard a voice saying, "My boy, you have your own will, your own mind, and heart,

and if you are a coward you will not get her back. If you are brave go and fight for her." Then he went back to the camp.

He had two brothers-in-law. The two brothers loved their sister very much. Chief Lone Wolf called them over and told them he was going to hunt for his wife but he didn't want anybody to go with him to help. He wanted to go alone. Three days later before the sun rose he went to his father's camp. He called his father to come outside and bade him farewell. His father said, "Go and be brave. Fight until you fall." They shook hands and the boy departed.

As he came to a high hill, once more he took a farewell look at the camp. He could see his father in front of his tent watching him as he slowly went over the hill.

Chief Lone Wolf traveled several days. At last he came to the foot of a mountain. The sun was going down. He decided to go on top of the mountain and spend the night as it was getting dark. He found a place to make his bed and he went to sleep. Nothing happened to him during the night.

Early in the morning he heard a drum beating some-

where not very far from the mountain. He got up from his bed and looked around and saw a camp fire near the mountain he was on. When the sun came up he looked again toward the camp to determine what tribe was camping there. He saw a creek near the camp: the women were getting water from it.

He started toward the camp and came close to the place where the women were getting the water. He recognized his wife in the group. He did not want his wife to find out he was there right then so he hid himself in the tall grass.

When the women were all gone, he got up and went a little closer to the spring and started to take a drink. As he was drinking he heard footsteps behind him. He got up and looked back. To his surprise he saw his wife coming toward the spring again. He waited for her. His wife ran up to him and kissed him.

Chief Lone Wolf wanted to take her home that moment but she said, "We have to travel a long ways and we have nothing to eat. I tell you what we'll do. You hide in those tall grasses and I'll go to the camp and fix something that we can take with us." So Lone Wolf did as she told him.

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His wife did not tell that she was married to another man. Just about sundown he saw a group of men coming toward him. As they came closer he knew that his wife had told on him. They surrounded his hiding place; then he stood up and shouted to his wife: "You have done me wrong".

The men stood around him and made signs to him in the sign language. They asked him what he wanted. He told them that he was looking for his wife.

The chief of the Pawnees was married to Chief Lone Wolf's wife and was with the group surrounding him. He said: "I'll let your wife be the judge". So they asked Chief Lone Wolf's wife about the matter. She said: "Take him to that little hill and tie him down to the ground and put tobacco ashes in his eyes".

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~~The Chief of the Pawnees said: "Take him and~~  
we'll move away from here". So they took Chief Lone Wolf to the hill and tied him down. They tied raw hide ropes around his wrists and legs and fastened the ropes to four sticks hammered into the ground. They then put the tobacco ashes in his eyes and went away.

It was close to midnight when Chief Lone Wolf

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heard a dog crying far away. Presently he heard the dog again but this time it was closer. It came closer and closer during the night and as the sun came up the dog came to Lone Wolf's side. He talked to the dog and it licked the ashes from his eyes and bit the ropes from the sticks. Chief Lone Wolf was very glad and got up and patted the dog. He started for home and the dog followed behind him. They travelled all that day. When night came Chief Lone Wolf was very hungry and tired. He made a place to sleep. When he lay down the dog disappeared. When morning came the dog appeared again with a bow and some arrows in his mouth. With the bow and arrows Lone Wolf was able to get food for himself and the dog. Finally they arrived at home.

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Lone Wolf told his father all about his adventure, the next day; then his father called all his warriors together and told them to get ready to go and hunt for Lone Wolf's wife. They all rode horseback and Chief Lone Wolf took his dog along.

When they got to the Pawnee camp the battle started and lasted for several hours. Lone Wolf's dog disappeared during the fighting. When Lone Wolf finally missed him

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and started looking for him, he saw him in the distance hanging onto a woman by her dress with his teeth. When he came up to them he saw that it was his wife. She ran up to him and started to put her arms around his neck but he jerked away from her. He said to her, "You are not my wife any more and you betrayed me to the Pawnees and left me to die". Then he shot her down with an arrow.

Chief Lone Wolf rode back to his father and told him what he had done. The battle ended and the Kiowas went back home. Lone Wolf kept his dog until death parted them.

Note: This legend was written by Jimmie Boyiddle, a Kiowa boy, for the Oklahoma Indian School Magazine.

(1932) The editor further adds: "This legend is based on an actual occurrence. It has been handed down from generation to generation until it is now regarded in about the same light as the stories the mothers tell their children, but the older men say that the story is based on fact. The mention of horses places the story in the category of comparatively recent history since Indians did not have horses until long after the coming of the white men."