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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

LONE MAN

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Field Worker's name Augusta H. Custer

This report made on (date) June 21, 1937

1. Name Lone Man

2. Post Office Address Greenfield, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) One mile south, one half west.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year 1864

5. Place of birth Oklahoma

6. Name of Father Spotted Wolf Place of birth _____

Other information about father Arapaho Indian

7. Name of Mother Sabash Place of birth _____

Other information about mother Arapaho Indian

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 _____.

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Interview with Lone Man
Arapaho Indian
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Phoebe Lone Man, Wife, Interpreter

Lone Man is the son of Spotted Wolf and Sabash, Arapaho Indians. He was born in Oklahoma. Lone Man is the only name he has; most Indians have a name by which they are known at school, and a tribal or Indian name.

Lone Man was married to Sage Woman and she had some land and this is her place where they are now living. Sage Woman died several years ago. To her were born three children, one died while small and the daughter died after she was married and had two children. The father kept the boy but the grandfather has Deloris Friday, the granddaughter.

Lone Man named his two grandchildren; the boy he called White Star and the girl Red Stone Woman. Any relative can name the children, and there is no special reason for the names given.*

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Phoebe Lone Man's Indian name is Cut Nose. She is above the average in intelligence and makes a good interpreter for her husband, Lone Man.

Their Home

Lone Man has a good three room frame house and a storm cellar, where they have taken refuge through two cyclones. One cyclone tore the roof off the house and the other cyclone moved the barn from its foundation and as it had been struck by lightning before they tore it down after the cyclone.

In summer they live out in a brush arbor. This is made by setting six white oak posts, ten feet long in the ground and tying elm poles to the sides of these posts and placing across the top small willow limbs with leaves on around the sides open. There are some boards placed on boxes and parts of logs for seats and they can lie upon them too if they feel like it.

Phoebe has made a place to cook by digging out a hole in the ground about twelve inches deep and sixteen inches wide. She lined this with flat stones. Around one end and two sides she placed a piece of iron which

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had been part of an engine in a car and across the top she had put the side of an old sewing machine and on this she set her frying pan and coffee pot.

They had a small table out in the arbor and a few dishes and groceries. The place was clean and cool as they had the benefit of any breeze which might be blowing. They sleep in the house at night.

Hunting and Game

Lone Man said that some hunters used a tough blade of grass stretched tightly between the two thumbs, and by blowing the breath through it they could imitate the call of the wild turkey. Lone Man did not do this as he was able to imitate the call of the wild turkey without the use of grass blades.

Some hunters made artificial calls to be used when hunting fawns. He described it in this manner. Take a piece of tree limb about three inches long and two inches in diameter. Make this hollow in the center, split down the side about half way and place pieces of sticks across inside, or some time some kind of strings are used. Then this was bound tightly on the outside

by wrapping it with buckskin. By blowing through this and thus making a sound with the lips a small fawn could be deceived, and would come from the place where he had been hidden by the doe. Lone Man said that he did not think he could make one of these "calls" as he always used his hands to make the sound of the mother doe.

Baking Bread

"When we are living out in the arbor I make bread and bake it in the Dutch oven. I make this by taking about a pint and a half of water, some baking powder, a small amount of sugar and this makes the bread soft", Phoebe said, "I put in a little salt and lard, after I sift the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt then I mix in the lard and water until it is about as stiff as I can stir it well with a spoon. I have the Dutch oven hot and some lard in the oven, then I put in the dough and place the lid on the oven and on the lid I put coals of fire, and also set the oven in coals of fire. When it is baked I take a knife and cut across this way and then across this way, and we have four pieces.

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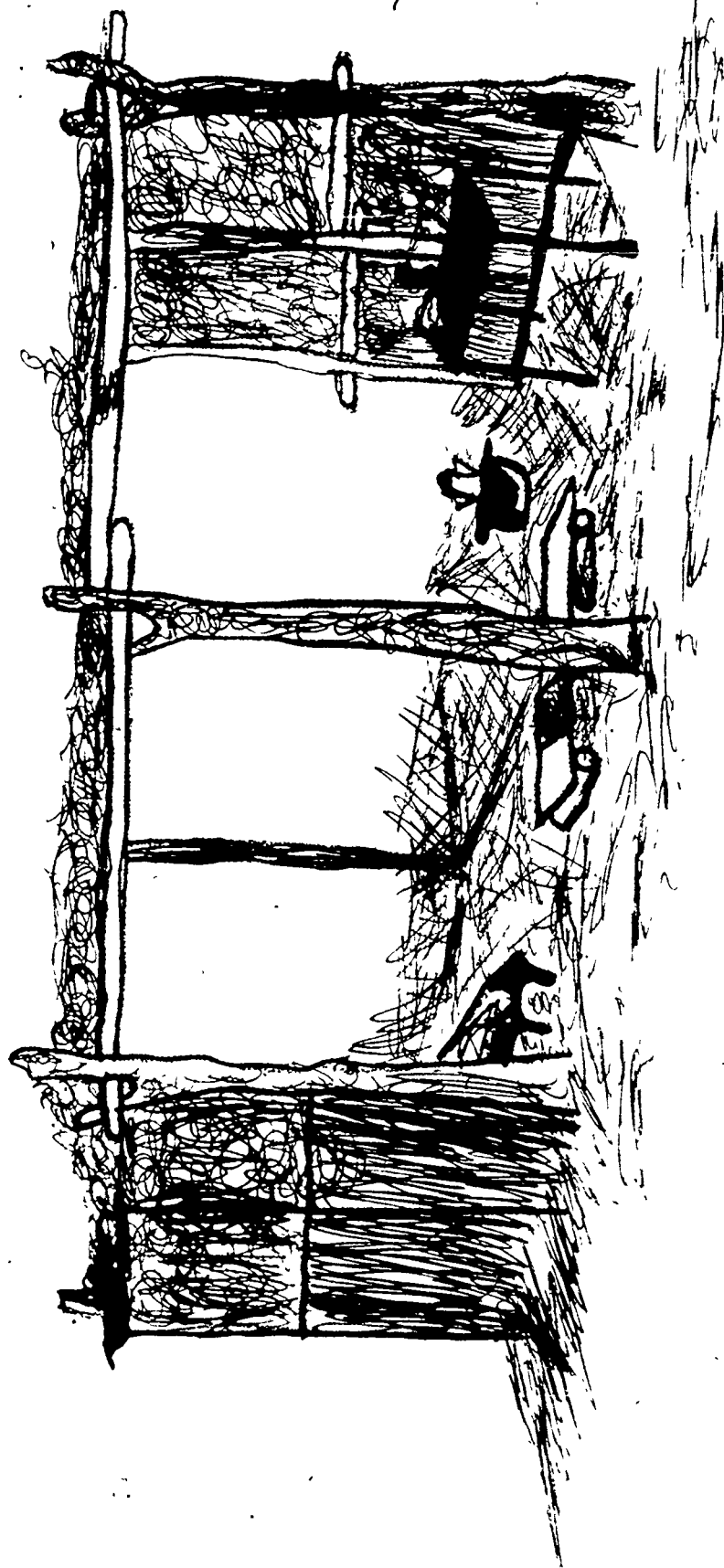
* (There are stories told that the mother names her child for the first thing she sees after the birth of the baby. And this might apply or be the reason for such names as "Little Bird Sitting on a Limb" and "Running Water". But this Arapaho man said that he had no especial reason for naming his grandchildren these names, except that he liked them.--Field Worker.)

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Lone Man's Iron Arbor