

QUASSYAH.

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An Interview With Quassyah, Comanche
Indian, lives near Indianola, Okla.

He was born on the Canadian River north of Anadarko, and he is 85 years of age. He has a wife, 68 years of age, but no children. Quassyah is a Quahada Comanche Indian and cannot speak English. He said through an interpreter: I have hunted lots of buffalo and was a fine shot with a bow and arrow, and I have seen thousands of buffalo in one herd. The white men killed them all off and it made us Indians mad and we attacked some men at Adobe Walls in Texas and they killed some of us and we killed some of them.

Quanah Parker, my close friend (Chi Hoites), was wounded in the back of the head with a bullet. We fought all day and all night and several ponies were killed and several Indians.

I used to kill buffalo with an arrow while they were running. Some times I would shoot them a great many times. I never scalped any white men or woman or children. Never shot any that I knew of. I am Jesus man and do not kill nor fight.

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I went to Washington in 1921 with a delegation of Comanches, Kiowas, and Apaches to formulate a deal with Commissioner of Indian Affairs. The party consisted of NAMSUAWA, Comanche, FRANK MOITI, Comanche, APEAHA TONE, Kiowa, BIG BEN, Kiowa.

I visited the White House and talked to President Harding. I wore my war bonnet and he shook hands with all of us and talked to us in his home, the big White House.