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LEGEND & STORY FORM  
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION  
Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field worker's name Louise S. Barnes.

This report made on (date) September 30, 1937

1. This legend was  
secured from (name) Inez Bull

Address Kingfisher, Okla.

This person is (~~male~~ female) ~~Arctic~~ Indian,

If Indian, give tribe Cheyenne

2. Origin and history of legend or story The way the teepees were  
built and how the Indians moved.

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank  
sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets  
attached 2

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Louise S. Barnes,  
Interviewer,  
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### How Teepees Were Built -How Indians Moved.

Inez Bull is now fifty-nine years old and was born and reared west of Kingfisher, or where Kingfisher now stands.

She told the following things:

The Indians always camped by springs because there were no wells then and they had to have water. They usually camped in the canyons during the winter and on hills in the summer, building brush arbors for shade.

The teepee was made from buffalo hides. They used about fifty hides for the ordinary teepee. When Indians were going to make a teepee they would hire other Indian men to help kill the Buffalo and other Indian women to sew so they could get their homes finished this way. It did not take so long but all the hides were tanned by hand and all the sewing was done by hand, using the sinew thread. This sinew thread was also used for other sewing.

The Indians made their beds by laying buffalo hides across springs made from willow branches. These were made by cutting sticks of willow about four feet and joining them together

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crosswise. This made a bed like a hammock only these ends were tied to forked sticks. This made a good bed.

The Indians dressed all in buckskin. then, their shirts, leggings and all were buckskin. Their War bonnets were made of feathers, and when they wore them they met in Council and were ready for war with their enemies and they danced in these bonnets.

The Indians moved then only on horseback for they had no wagons; each horse had a basket that would fit its back and a small child would be carried in each one of these baskets with an Indian man or woman.

They moved the teepees in the same way, dragging the poles behind the horse; the Indians lived where they pleased then and it was not uncommon for them to move often.