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An Interview with J. J. Methvin
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and

H. M. Lindsay
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Lillian Gassaway, Field worker
September 28, 1937.

Interview with J. J. Methvin and H. M. Lindsay
In regard to Roudolph Fisher
Lillian Cassaway, Interviewer
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Mr. Fisher was born in Texas. One time when he was somewhere between the age of five and ten years old he was playing along the road with some little friends when they were surprised by a party of Comanches who were down there on a raid. The other children all ran off and left him standing alone in the road, and the Comanches took him off with them.

He had lived with them a good many years when his people found out where he was and came after him and took him home. He had been with the Indians long enough to learn to like their way of living, and was not satisfied at home. One night he stole a horse from his father and went back to the Indians. His people brought him home again and he ran off again taking a horse with him. They went after him the third time and he told them that if they didn't let him alone he would take all the horses and bring them back to the Indians. After this they let him stay with the Indians.

Mr. Methvin has been in Fisher's home when he had two wives. It was nothing unusual for men to have two or even

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more wives. Quanah Parker had twelve. When seated at the dining table Fisher sat between the two women and all seemed peaceful and content.

Fisher told Mr. Lindsay that he took part in the battle with the Tonkawas. He said that they had killed all but two Tonkawas who had almost gotten away. He and another man singled these out and took after them. The other man soon overtook his man and killed him, but Fisher ran his man way down to the foothills of the Wichita Mountains. It was getting late and the sun was low. He saw the man come up on the hill (he was about three quarters of a mile away) and just as he started over the hill he knew he was about to lose his man. He knew if he got over the hill he would not be able to see him any more, so he fell off of his horse and shot just as the man's shoulders were about all he could see. At first he thought he had missed him, then he saw him tumble forward.

When his father died in Texas, the brothers came to Fort Sill after him to settle the estate. He refused to go at first. He said: "I don't know you. I don't know whether you are my brothers or not. I haven't got anything down there, and I'm not going." They tried to explain that he

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would have to go and sign some papers so they could get their part of the property. He couldn't understand why he had to go off down there and sign papers when he hadn't lived there. They insisted that he go. He told them that if he had anything coming to him he didn't want it and for them to go home and do whatever they wanted to with it. They told him that they couldn't until he had signed these papers. "Well," he said: "I'll go see my friend Joe Lindsay and if he says I'll have to go, I will, but I don't see why." After much explaining Mr. Lindsay made him understand that he would have to go and sign the papers so the rest of the children could get their part of the property. He told Mr. Lindsay that he didn't want any of it, that he had never lived there and didn't have any right to any of it. Mr. Lindsay made him understand, too, that he could sign his part back to the estate and it could be divided among the rest of the children. He did this and then returned to Fort Sill to continue his life among the Indians. He was ~~Quannah~~ Quannah Parker's right hand man. Quannah Parker was the Comanche Chief. Fisher says that he is now 87 years old.