

BOOK REVIEW

Comanche and Kiowa Captives in Oklahoma and Texas. By Hugh D. Corwin. (Privately printed; Hugh D. Corwin, Lawton, Oklahoma, 1959. pp. 228. Ills. \$3.60 postpaid.)

The study of human captivity is usually filled with pathos and mis-understanding. Hugh D. Corwin's latest volume *Comanche and Kiowa Captives in Oklahoma and Texas* is no exception since the majority of the people carried into captivity were children. The author has made use of both primary and secondary sources, including several rare volumes and books which are no longer in print. Wide use has been made of the personal interview. The descendants of numerous former captives including Francesca Medrano, Cynthia Ann Parker, Mo-Keen, Tomassa, Millie Durgan, and many others were consulted. They, in turn, reiterated the poignant stories describing how their progenitors were abducted from their homes and whisked away to Indian camps on the periphery of civilization.

The author describes with vivid detail the numerous hardships most of the captives were forced to endure on the return journey to the various Indian camps. Details of the wanton cruelty and abuse that awaited their arrival, and the menial and sometimes onerous tasks which were destined to make up their future daily routine are interestingly related for the student and lay reader alike.

Mr. Corwin has a wide personal acquaintance within the Kiowa and Comanche tribes. The student of Indian history will find this anthology of captive life both interesting and informative reading.

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Texas Indian Papers, 1825-1843. Edited by Dorman H. Winfrey. (Austin, Texas State Library, 1959. Pp. 298. \$5.25.)

The Archives Division of the Texas State Library announces the publication of *Texas Indian Papers, 1825-1843*. The significant documents of Texas history, not generally accessible to the public, pertain mainly to the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Republic but also include miscellaneous papers of other departments dealing with Indian matters.

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