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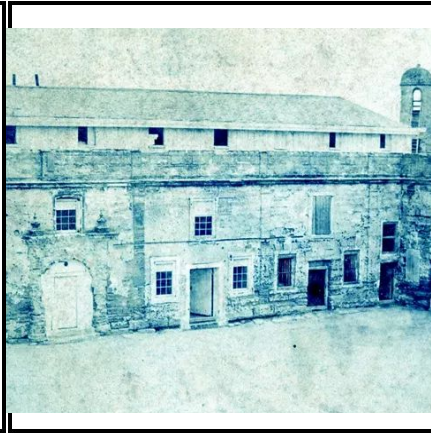
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Mother

Pe-ah-in, wife of Black Horse, Comanche woman. Refused to leave his side when he was imprisoned in Fort Marion. She stayed at the fort with their nine year old daughter, Ah-kes.



There were 72 Plains Indians held captive by the US and Pratt between 1875 - 1878. The people imprisoned there came from five different tribes: Cheyenne, Comanche, Kiowa, Arapaho, and Caddo. The conditions in the fort were not ideal.

Richard Pratt wanted to “Kill the Indian and Save the Man.” He was responsible for mass assimilation of the Plains Indians during their time at Fort Marion. He eventually opened the Carlisle Indian School based on his work at the fort.

During their time held captive in the fort, the Plains Indians learned English and other basic skills of western elementary -level education. Ah-kes, Pe-ah-in’s daughter, learned to write in English and wrote a letter to the president asking for her people’s freedom.



Staying strong even in the face of adversity with my family. We are the only non-prisoner Plains Indians here at Fort Marion. #ComancheStrong #FamilyTies