

(Do the chiefs ever get together now and have meetings--like council meetings?)

No. We meet mostly once a year at Canton. That's the way they meet. That's the meeting place for the Arapaho chiefs--during the Barefoot Pow-wow. They may select chiefs this year, because we got three or four vacancies. We try to keep fourteen on there the whole time. But Cheyennes, they got forty-five or forty-six of them. That's really too many, but that's the way they do it.

PRINCIPAL CHIEFS

(But the Arapahoes no longer have a head chief?)

No. They used to call him "Principal Chief." Little Raven was a principal chief. He was a ceremonial man. And there have been other chiefs, but maybe they were war chiefs.

(Were there any other principal chiefs, like Little Raven?)

Well, far as I know, all the principal chiefs had to go through all the ceremonies. All Arapaho ceremonies. Yeah, all these lodges (Men's societies). And he's the one that's generally picked. The principal chief picks out that man (to succeed himself). The chiefs don't select that man. The principal chief, he's the one that's going to pick the man that takes his place.

(After Little Raven who was principal chief?)

There have been several of them. I really don't know how many lined up. As far as remember back, Little Raven, the old man that died here--he was a junior (maybe Little Raven, Jr.) or anyway he was a direct descendant of Little Raven. He used to live at Canton. Yeah, could be his son or grandson--I don't know which one. But he become a chief. That's as far as I can go back. And then there was Ute came next. Old Man Ute. And then there was Wilbur Tabor, as far as I can remember. They lived to be old men, you know. They were chief for quite a while. Wilbur Tabor died not too long ago. I think he's buried around Greenfield Mission--across the river right straight north of--east of Greenfield. You might go to Edna Tabor--Edna Pawpa--that's her father. And you'll sure get a lot of information from her, I know. But he was the last principal chief.