

ANIMAL STORIES

(Do the Arapahoes have stories about animals?)

Yeah, there is some. Of the bear; buffalo, elk. I don't know about deer or antelope. And there were several stories about wolves, and coyotes, and beaver.

(Do you know those stories?)

Yeah, I could think of them. But I'd have to line out just what--like the beaver--

(What kind of stories would you call those?)

Well, the beaver was mostly in medicine--herb doctoring. He's connected with that. The otter is mostly for a young man's dress--decoration--a young man's dressed--like he ties his hair (with otter fur strips), and he wears an otter fur cap. And sometimes he has a quivir of otter.

(Would you call those stories about the beaver and otter h^wθit^w?)

Yeah, yeah. h^wθit^w.n^w That's plural.

(What kind of stories would fall into that other that we were talking about-- the h^aedaet^w?)

h^aehaet^w--those are mostly, I think mythological, like. Those are the night stories. That includes that White Man, or Spider.

(Are there other night stories besides the White Man stories?)

No. I don't think of any.

(Interruption)

ANOTHER BROTHER-IN-LAW JOKING EXAMPLE

--they had their annual meeting at Concho. I have an Arapaho cousin that married a Cheyenne and he always calls me brother-in-law. I never answer him. Tall Cheyenne. His name is Riggs. He's the father of them Riggs. And before dinner--they was all