

BURIAL CUSTOMS! WRAPPING BODY IN OLD TIPI COVER

(Yes.)

Oh, the carpenters, I think--the Agency carpenters--I think they used to make hickory--oak--oak caskets or boxes. But they were usually buried--the way I saw it two or three times--they took an old tipi that's been through the mill, you might say. Several winters, and all that smoke-burnt in there--smoke, you know--top where the smoke goes up. Well, they claim the bugs don't eat you then, because of the smoke, you know--it's saturated. Then they fold that in such a way that this body lays--when it's put in there--be wrapped up in his tipi, head and all, and then he's put in a box. And I know lot of times they say--but everything was rotted off--well he'd been buried--dead--since 1889. Everything was rotted off. There was just a lot of black dirt where objects were, you know--just rotten off. All they found was a key, a bronze key about that long.

(What kind of a key was it?)

Just a door key. Door key to those Quarters where he lived. I think that's what most of them-- Well, my brother said that he was buried with a key, and somebody said he was buried with these medallions--these Presidential, you know--(peace medal), but we didn't find any.

(Do the Arapahoes object or have you ever heard anybody complain when they dig up those people for re-burial?)

Not that I know of. We went to the doings. There's three or four Little Ravens, right now. There's Ralph Little Raven, and Ben Little Raven, still carrying on the name, and there's Martha Old Bear--his granddaughter, and there's Alfred White Man, and then there's another set of Little Raven's, but they don't go by Little Raven. They go by Holland and-- Anyhow, there's five or six families. We consulted them and told them that since Canton didn't respect the honor that they should have recognized by having a very high chief buried in their vicinity, since they didn't put up no money or nothing, and since Fort Sill got a regular