

where this White Owl's buried, but we can't locate his grave. Then Young Colt, the other signer of Medicine Lodge, he's buried way up toward Woodward--upon Wolf Creek--way up beyond Supply--beyond Woodward. Because that's where the Arapahoes used to live. And Tall Bear--that's one that his grandkids don't know where he's buried--we know where the cemetery is, but which way--we don't know. And I told Griswold, "Why don't we run down the old lease records." Used to be the custom that when the old folks die, their lessees--that leased their land--would come along and help out. And whoever his lessee was might had helped bury him or dig the grave or something like that. And if this lessee has died, he might have told his descendants--they may own the farm yet that was adjacent to this land they leased from the old man. So we thought that way we could run down just about where it was. Then there was--

(Where is that cemetery where he's buried?)

It's almost due south of Calumet, say, about 3 or 4 or 5 miles-- There's a bluff there--a bank like this Greenfield Hill--it faces toward the south river. And about a mile west there used to be a sub-agency there. Government used to issue rations, and they got a cemetery lot--that was his grandson's allotment. Or, probably his own, next to it.

BURIAL CUSTOMS: SCAFFOLD BURIAL, FOOD OFFERINGS, DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY OF DECEASED: LOCATION OF GRAVES

(Tell me a little bit more about how they used to bury the dead back in those days--did they have cemeteries?)

No. Sometimes--especially the Cheyennes, but the Arapahoes practiced that, too-- but I never have seen it--oh, long ago I have seen it--that kind of burial--I've got a picture of it--where they used to bury them in trees. Sometimes they used to put up four forked poles with cross-bars and kinda slats, and they put the body up there. And then of course they'd visit it--everytime they kill deer or beef or buffalo, they'd always go and give some of it to that body. They'd put it down there at the ground--like a buffalo head, or a deer's antlers, or