

winter or summer. Oh, when ice be floating in the river he'd go down there and swim, and it's a wonder--as many rattlesnakes as there are in this country--he never got bit.

(Was he very old when he died?)

He must have been about seventy or over, when he died.

(Where did he live?)

He lived among the Cantons. Cantonment was--you know where Canton is? Cantonment was about three miles by straight road before there was any fences or section lines. He'd walk up there alone. And come home at night. He'd visit up there, and them Indian police--and you know there was always Indians camped around the Cantonment Agency--but he lived down there where Canton is now--somewhere around the forks of those creeks. He'd walk over there and then he'd come home at night.

(Did he have any kind of things to help him remember those seasons or different event?)

I don't think so. He just had a keen mind. Now this--my landlord--he's got a son, blind. His name's Lawrence. He's a good electrician, good plumber. He's blind, but he fixed that lock and he fix that Yale lock for me--just by feeling. That's the way, I guess, this old man was. That's the way I always took it to be. His ability to be keen in some other sense and not his eyesight.

(Would there be any reason back there when he was living, why a man might want to find out what year he was born in and go to him and ask him?)

No. There was no reason. Everybody wanted to know what year they were born--at least for their descendants to know.

METHOD OF ESTABLISHING AN INDIVIDUAL'S CHRONOLOGICAL AGE: HOW JESS' MOTHER ESTABLISHED HER SISTER'S AGE

(Well, was that a custom among the Arapaho even before the reservation was established?)

Oh, yeah. I know my mother had a little fine stone--just perfectly round. Kind of a--it was thin on the edge but thick on the center. And my mother said her and her mother went out somewhere out there somewhere near the Purgatoire or