

Arkansas. Her mother was looking for a whetstone, you know--you know, those stones are pretty good that you find along the river-- Like the Tongue River and Ash River and Powder River, and Platte River and all those places where they got stones, you know. Float down from the mountains. In other words, the silt turns to stones--became petrified. Well, my mother found this little stone. She was twelve years old. And--I wasn't there, but they said they took that stone to him and said, "Now here's the stone that was picked up near the Purgatoire or Arkansas. We was camping there. And we want to know the age--" My mother, I guess, was twelve years old. She said, "I was twelve years old. My sisters--some more years younger than I am--about three or four sisters--some older. I want to know the particular age of that one I want to find out. If he can remember the year that the Arapahoes were camped there near the Purgatoire or Arkansas. That's when I found this stone. I still use it for my scraper--my hide scraper." She took it. "Yes," he said.... "I know the year we was camped there. I know that's the year when we couldn't find many elk. There was hardly any elk. But we found a lot of deer and antelope for the winter, and buffalo. But I know that's the year that elk was scarce, because they were further north." So he said, "From then next year we moved on to the Sandy Bend of the Arkansas--" that's below the Purgatoire--"and that's when a certain man by the name of Club Foot made a Sun Dance." Well, then from there he built his life--you know, lineage of years-- And that Club Foot's Sun Dance was held in 1862.

(When was it that your mother went to him to find out about that?)

Year before that--year before 1862. (Jess misunderstood the question.)

(I mean, when did your mother talk to the old man--")

Yeah. He and her sisters, and, I think, their aunt, went over there to this old man's camp. They just wanted to show--prove to him that they found that stone and he could govern his own opinion on that. So he did. He build up his years from there on.