

Fort Laramie, Wyoming. And even though he had elected new chiefs--he and his other chiefs had elected a new bunch of chiefs like Powder Face and Left Hand and my father, and Antelope, Scabby Bull, White Buffalo and Black Coyote. Little Raven got his own chiefs together and they were the ones that were the signers of that treaty, leaving Left Hand out and them new chiefs that were active. So that was 1867--October 28, 1867. So two years after that Little Raven passed away. Well by some plan, or it was understood--there was--at that time this Dawes Commission came out to talk to the tribes to allot them. So the Arapahoes--he was an orator--this Left Hand was an orator--designated him to carry on what was being brought out by the government throughout the tribe. So naturally he succeeded to the duties of Little Raven. He became known--not appointed--but just recognized as the Head Chief. Well, my father being his close relation, they worked pretty close together. So, when the agreement was signed in 1890--the signing started in 1890--for the agreement to accept allotments--my father signed right under him. I think I mentioned that once before. Then the other chiefs started coming on in. So four or five Cheyennes came on in, and they said, "We'll sign that Treaty if we sign up at the head of the list." So my father said, "That ain't nothing to me," he said. So he told 'em, "sign above me." Between him and Left Hand. So they signed as chiefs up there. Then the Cheyennes started to sign. So that's how it came about that Left Hand was the first signer of five hundred and forty-six signers of that agreement of 1890.

POWER OF LITTLE RAVEN AS POLITICAL AND CEREMONIAL LEADER:

(This is sort of off the subject, but back there when Little Raven signed the Medicine Lodge Treaty back in 1867 and was recognized as a chief because he was peaceful--what about the other Arapahoes that were not so inclined to be peaceful. Were they angry with Little Raven, or was there any criticism of him for signing?) No, because he was a priest and had charge of all ceremonials, like the Sun Dance and the Tomahawks, and the Girdled Spearmen, and other organizations for the tribe. They would not object to his doings. If they did, then he would object to carrying on their ceremonies, which he would always be in charge of. So then they never opposed