

(What was her name in Arapaho?)

That was her name. That's what they used to call her.

(Did you have an Arapaho name?)

"Ponca Woman" was my name. h^ww^wh^w.ni.sei

(When did they give you that name?)

When I was born, I guess. I didn't know it.

NAMING CUSTOMS

(I just wonder when they used to name their children.)

Well, just as soon as they were born.

(Did they have any particular kind of ceremony when they gave a name?)

No. No.

(Who would give a name to a child?)

Anyone of the folks--whoever wants to give a name.

(Were there any rules about what kind of names they would get?)

Not that I know of.

(Did they ever tell you who gave you your name?)

My father named me, they said.

(Was there any reason why he gave you that name?)

Oh, my. He didn't tell me nothing.

(Did you ever have any other name besides that one?)

No.

(The reason I asked that was I have heard that men, especially, sometimes have more than one name. I just wondered if girls ever got new names?)

Oh, when they go off to war and they come back, they change their names. Some of them--not all of them. Like Johnny (her son)--he didn't want to go by any other name but just his own given name.

(Is there any reason why they might want to change their name when they come back from war?)

I don't know.

FOODS EATEN IN OLD DAYS

(Going back to the way it was when you were a little girl--would you tell me anything about the kind of things they used to cook