Yeah, they use files since--files and hacksaws, now, but they don't use these scrapers any more.

(Well, the sandstone that they used to use--what did it look like? Like if you were making this smooth with sandstone, would it be a big piece or a little piece--?)

Depends on the average size of the horn, or what it was. They eventually saw it off and shave it off--I mean, sandpaper it off or cut it off with a nicked knife, you know, and then they smooth that off. Might be some pretty big size. I know some of those Arapaho elk scrapers are that big around. Great big.

(About 3 inches in diameter. That's a pretty big elk, isn't it?)

Yeah, big elk. Of course they were longer handled, you know. (than the specimens here) They wouldn't have to stoop down so low. Otherwise some women got down on their knees.

(Is it only the male elk that has the horns?)

Oh, yeah, the one that has horns. Females don't have any.

SANDSTONE ABRADING TOOLS AND WHETSTONES

(I was asking about these sandstones--did they ever keep these sandstone scrapers--I mean--)

Oh, yeah. That they used for reaming these parts?

(Yeah.)

Yeah, they keep them. I got one or two here somewhere. I'll show you.

(Interruption while we look at the three sandstone abraders he has.)

And this (talking about one of his abraders) is the next smoother--I mean, tougher--for smoothing out those places. And this is for metal--that they used to point awls for. Sometimes they use it for knife. (Sharpening stone)

(You mean they used to sharpen their awls on this?)

Yeah. I got this in Wyoming. This come from over here at Colony, and this