

(Yet your grandfather traveled up to Montana, up at night, so he apparently wasn't afraid of the dark.)

Well, we had to travel at night, on account of the different tribes, see.

Cause each tribe has its own territory. If they caught him there, boy, he had to have fast horse. Out run 'em. (laughter)

#### BLACKKETTLE AND BATTLE OF WASHITA - SAND CREEK MASSACRE

(You were telling me this morning about your grandfather meeting a cavalry of soldiers during the Battle of Washita, that he helped to destroy, could you go over that again?)

Well, he was about ten miles down the river, see. And when they heard the shooting over there, then they knew there was something wrong. So they went on a charge, see, and so they went, this was just about daybreak. I would say it's about, along November. There was some ice already. Well, what happened, see, Blackkettle had his own horse and them others didn't have their horses. And they got on that pony and they ride across the Washita, and they set them down before they got just about there on a bank and they both set them down... They caught these Indians up pretty. About that time, Grandpa and them came, and the cavalry tried to... They got a lot of them... There's different stories. It was around closest, it was quite a ways to come. And these Indians couldn't do nothin' cause they were on foot. I told you this...

(You were saying that that was the battle where Blackkettle was killed, is that right?)

Yeah, he fell off in the water, him and his wife.

(Killed his wife?)

Yeah, they killed his wife. Both fell in the water. I don't know how many,