they never did know how many they killed. They caught them flat-footed. That was that Sand Creek Massacre.

(Was your grandfather in the Sand Creek Massacre or was he there or had he gotten there?)

Yeah, he was there...yeah, grandma was about eighteen months old at that time. That was way back in the earlier days. General Sibiston was in charge of that, at that time. They was trying to wipe the Indians out. Man, woman, kids, people runned and get away. There was four sisters, my grandmother and her sister, one of them put her on her back, that's how they escaped...how they escaped, I don't know. They managed to escape. They had to crawl into the brushes to get away...and the woman that was pregnant they'd cut 'em open to see if baby was alive. That's how dirty... That's one thing I don't want to talk about...

(I can understand why.)

That just burns me up...killing us left and right. That was the dirtiest deal that the Indian ever got, Sand Creek Massacre...

(When did that take place, around 1890?)

Way earlier than that. I wouldn't be what... I'm sure there's a history that'd tell you that. I never did ask my uncle when that was. I know he'd know. I wish he were still here, but he's gone now; he died in January. He knows more than I do. What I heard from Grandpa, that's about all I know. I know what's he's telling me is true.

PERSONALITY OF CHIEF BIRDCHIEF

(Is there anything else you remember about your grandfather, what kind of a person he was? What other things he told you, etc...)

Well, he was nice. Everything was always agreeable with him.