

as the 'Gray Blanket Man.' His name was John S. Smith. His two sons, Jack Smith and Gilpin Smith, were his sons by his Cheyenne wife. And one of them happened to be--well, he was a spy against his own tribe. And he was killed when John M. Chivington attacked the Cheyennes--the Sand Creek Massacre, we call it, of 1864.

(Well, how do you say this 'gray blanket' in Arapaho?)

n̄-nica o.b̄e.t^h Plural, we say n̄-nica o.b̄e.θ i That's Assiniboin tribe.

And we have another name for the Assiniboin tribe. It's a old name. We named them the Gray blankets, but we used to call them Yellow Legs, or painted Legs.

(How do you say that?)

niha.nica.b̄e.θi -- that's the old name for the Assiniboins. They're Sioux, but they go by a different name. That means "yellow painted legs."

DRESS: MANNER OF WEARING BLANKETS:

(You know you mentioned a minute ago about how they used to wear those blankets-- differences between men and women--how did they wear them? Did they just wear them as robes or did they cut them up and make things--)

There's different ways. Now the young men--I still wear my blanket like that-- (referring I think to the red-and-blue peyote blanket), and you just put the ends over your arms here, and let the back of it kinda lay down so whatever decoration you're wearing can show, on your back--like them beads, or decorations on there. They can show. Then when you wear the blanket, wear it so the beads will show, and your sash can show. That's the young man style. But the old men ordinarily, for every day, and they wore them, too, with their dress clothes--they always have one arme-blanket under one arm. And the other arms--over their shoulder. That's the way they do. But those that just don't know how those blankets are worn, wear them straight--just whole blanket and let it hang down in front. They say that they don't know how to wear blankets. And if you're actively engaged in something, like in butchering or saddling up a horse or doing any work, you girdle yourself with your blanket. All young men and old men does same thing. In fact the old men always wore their light blankets as sheets doubled, just