

Indian mother. Her father must have been a white man. It was that time when they all got white babies from Fort Reno, you know--going with those soldiers. And they made that a main event --when this young man was hiding around. He was running away with this "Pigeon Egg." You've seen pigeon eggs? They're kind of speckled, aren't they? No! Not pigeon eggs. Nighthawk eggs. Nighthawk eggs. That was the year when--they called this man's name--was running away--or hiding--with this Nighthawk Egg. That was one of the main events they made, but I suppose it was just a roughneck that made that up. Because this man was running away with this white, young half-breed girl. She was so nice looking. But the only thing that ruined her, you know--because Indians don't have freckled--they made fun of this girl because her nose has freckles. That's why they called her "Nighthawk Egg." That was another event. His wife--this old man-- They were all talking and this old man was asking, "When did this happen?" And his wife answered him--I know she was jealous of his past--"Well, it was that year when you was running away--hiding around--with that Nighthawk Egg," his wife told him. He just up and didn't say any more.

(Could you explain how they selected a certain event that came to be well known, or the year came to be known by that particular happening?)

Well, I don't know--just maybe every fifty years--what happen under that fifty years, I guess. Or something like that. Maybe there was a lot happening in between but it was too short happening by this main one they're going by. See, they had to wait, maybe, every certain time.

(Did people keep track of how old they were back in the old days,