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JESS ROWLODGE, ARAPAHO
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GENERAL SUBJECT: ARAPAHO SUBSISTENCE PATTERNS IN EARLY ALLOTMENT PERIOD: ALLOTMENT, SALE AND LEASING OF ALLOTMENT, CROPS RAISED, INHERITANCE OF LAND, ETC.

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

JESS'S JOB AS FIELD ASSISTANT (OR FIELD FARMER) FOR BIA
LEASING OF INDIAN LANDS BY WHITES
ARAPAHOES FARMING
JESS'S FATHER'S FARMING AND STOCK RAISING
HORSES A SOURCE OF INCOME TO INDIANS
LEASING OF INDIANS SURPLUS LAND
GOVERNMENT-ISSUED WAGONS AND FARM IMPLEMENTS
CROPS RAISED AND SHARECROPPING: STORY ABOUT JESS'S LEASE MAN
INDIANS LEASING LAND TO WHITE NEIGHBORS
LAND USE IN JESS'S FAMILY
CATEGORIES OF LAND AND LEASE PRICES
USE OF GRASS LANDS
JESS'S FAMILY'S ALLOTMENTS: HOW USED AND DISPOSITION OF
SOME CASES SHOWING INHERITANCE OF INDIAN LANDS
INHERITANCE CASES AND AMOUNT OF INCOME FROM OIL LEASES
USE OF JESS'S FATHER'S LAND FOR HAY AND CULTIVATION
HAYING OPERATIONS
JESS AND HIS BROTHER SELLING LAND INHERITED FROM THEIR FATHER
SCHOOLING OF JESS AND HIS BROTHER AWAY FROM HOME: HASKELL AND CARLISLE
OTHER PEOPLE, INCLUDING RELATIVES, SUPPORTED BY JESS'S FATHER
RIDING HORSES KEPT AND JESS'S FATHER'S ADVICE TO HIS SONS
JESS'S CALSSIFICATORY SISTER
CROPS RAISED BY INDIANS
RAISING COTTON FOR HOLIDAY CASH
INDIANS WORKING AT FARM LABOR: PICKING COTTON
INDIANS RAISING WHEAT: DISPOSITION OF
JESS'S JOB AS FIELD ASSISTANT (OR FIELD FARMER)
INDIANS THRESHING THEIR OWN WHEAT
INDIANS WORKING AT FARM LABOR: THRESHING WHEAT

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Jess Rowlodge is between 82 and 84 years old and is a well-known and respected leader among the Arapahoes. He is fairly well educated and articulate, and has travelled extensively on tribal business, having visited Washington, D. C. a number of times. He has been actibe in tribal politics for many years and has helped the Arapahoes in pressing their claims against the government. Nevertheless, Jess is well-versed in the traditional culture of his tribe and anxious for at least some parts of it to be preserved. He is one of the two surviving members of the Star Hawk Society, one of the old age-graded warrior societies. And has often expressed hope that this organization would be revived in modern times. He is a peyotist, as well as a member of the Baptist Church, and feels that the peyote ceremony has given him some of his greatest personal fulfillment as well as inspiration. Jess is no stranger to the role of teacher-informant in communicating knowledge about Arapaho culture. He has known and worked with such people as A. L. Kroeber, James Mooney, Morris Smith, Sister Inez Hilger, and Fred Eggan. Mr. Rowlodge was born in 1884.