

kind of roustabout, taking care of their ponies and looking around. So, they detected a camp one day toward the Missouri. Back in those days, long travel would take a lot of time. They came back and reported some Indians camped way back toward the valley. So they sent out a bunch of young men--mostly what our Kiowa brothers call Gourd Organization, but known as Star Hawks in Arapaho Tribe--active young men and alert and good hunters, good warriors, to scout the country. When they got over there, they saw a camp. A young man came up from that tribe and looking for ponies eventually, and they hailed him to come out. They asked what tribe he was by sign language and he told them by sign language, and he eventually he told them they called themselves "Rows of Lodges," which by that means that their parents--ooh--their families camp in the center. And on each side their sons and son-in-laws all the relations camp on each side and behind them same way--which was to protect the old folks in their declining years. So, when they were out to this camp, they were invited to feast. They noticed these camps in straight rows. So, my father's brother-in-law says, "Brother we have a new name for our brother-in-law." So, brother-in-law say, "What you goin' to call him?" He say, "Rows of Lodges, and he is here with us now." So, from that time on, when they came back to Arapaho camp, they announced that my father's name was changed to "Rows of Lodges."

HOW THE NAME ROWS OF LODGES ORIGINATED

Of course his name was White Plume as a young fellow and eventually he gained another name when he became a good warrior by the name of Black Wolf. My Uncle's name was a good warrior too. But when they came to Colorado and eventually to Oklahoma and eventually here at Darlington, Oklahoma, and they had to enroll as a tribe at a particular agency, he went on roll as "Row of Lodges". Really that tribe that they had witnessed by invitation to eat with them was Mandan tribe of Missouri. So, my name should have been either Mandan or White Plume. But the nickname, of course stood "Row of Lodges", and I am proud of it.