

(But Apache John is the one that gave it to you?)

Yeah. They gave a Rabbit Dance. I don't know what--I think it was back--they said I was one year old. It could have been in the fall around my birthday. After--during that ceremony--the Rabbit Dance--right there they take time out and pick out that name and they give me that name.

(I see. Well, do you have any idea why they picked that one instead of the other two?)

Well, my great-great grandfather--somewheres in there--he was named first--that name. Just like we do nowadays, you know. Just like I got a boy and a girl that's named after my father and my mother, their English names. So, I'm going to talk to my uncle, Henry Achilta. "Rose", that's my mother's name. And then her Indian name is itseno. The white man says "itseno", but it's ^čec^íra^{je}-- "mail carrier".

("Mail carrier?" And that was her name?)

Yeah, "mail carrier".

(Do you know how she got that?)

She was named just like I was named. Of course all the peoples got Indian names, they got named just like the way they gave a name to me--way back there. Ray, he's got a name, too. (Ray Blackbear) I forgot what was his name. --- 'abizá nādíta.

(And what does it mean?)

"Lone Chief." Just like if he was chief alone. "Alone Chief."

(Well, tell me this, when they had that Rabbit Dance, and they gave you that name, did your folks have to give away, or do anything like that?)

Well, yeah, that's kind of a custom. Just like they do at dances. You know, give things away. That's the way they believe way back.