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JESS ROWLODGE, ARAPAHO
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GENERAL SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON ARAPAHO HISTORY, EARLY DAYS, AND ARAPAHO CHIEFS

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

SIGN FOR "ARAPAHO" AND MANNER OF TATOOING THE BREAST
COMMENTS ON PICTURES OF BLACK COYOTE, POWDER FACE, AND ON ARAPAHO MEN'S SOCIETIES
THE KIOWA-APACHES
STARHAWK SOCIETY--HOW NAMED
MORE COMMENTS ON OLD PICTURES AND LIFE IN EARLY DAYS
LITTLE RAVEN AND SELECTION OF YOUNGER CHIEFS
ARAPAHO CHIEFS ELECTED ACCORDING TO TREATY OF 1851
DUTIES OF CHIEFS: AN EXAMPLE FROM JESS'S EXPERIENCE
MORE COMMENTS ON OLD PICTURES
MERCHANDISE STOCKED FOR SALE TO INDIANS AT DARLINGTON STORES
POSSIBILITY OF REORGANIZING STARHAWK SOCIETY--OLD MEMBERS STILL LIVING
LIST CLOTH AND STROUDING FOR BLANKETS
HIDES AND BUCKSKIN CLOTHES
JESS GIVES OTTER FUR HAIR WRAPS TO APACHE BEN
MESCAL BEANS USED AS BEADS IN BANDOLIERS
MEXICAN EAGLE FEATHERS USED
JESS'S LIFE GUIDED BY INSPIRATION RECEIVED IN A PEYOTE MEETING
JESS'S DRUMSTICKS AND EAGLE BONE WHISTLE FORMERLY USED IN SUN DANCE AND DOG SOLDIER SOCIETY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Jess Rowlodge was born in 1884 and is a well-known and respected leader among the Arapahoes. He is fairly well educated and articulate, and has traveled extensively on tribal business, having visited Washington, D. C. a number of times. He has been active in tribal politics for many years and has helped the Arapahoes in pressing their claims cases 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 he 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 this 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.

NOTE: This is a continuation of the interview begun on T-144.