

curve, like," he said, "And there was a little house. And this barbed wire--I guess they just make fence around this--White man," he said. "He was making a house. Well, they found him and he said these Cheyennes start hollering. Well, this man come out. And then that woman come out. Little while after that there was just a string of little kids come out. And I guess one of these men said, "Well, that's a spider! That's a spider!" And that's how come they call white people "spiders." *nihi'w.əw* -- that means "spider". That's what they call white men. And they named the white man that--where they found that white man--the way he come out. You know you see these spiders, they come out and little ones all follow. And that's the way they did. "Well, that's *nihi'w.əw*!" I was going to tell that, but I got stage fright. There was too many of them.

(Was that an actual happening that your grandfather was remembering when they went over here and they found that white man and his family? Was your grandfather part of that group?)

Yeah. He was around--Sitting Bull. He was onery--he used to tell us that that's the reason we call these white people *nihi'w.əw*, because when that man come out bring his wife, bring all them little ones--come out--he had a bunch of kids. They told him, "Well, that's *nihi'w.əw*. --that's a spider!" And that's the way they call these white people. I don't know what the Cheyennes call them--whether they call them spider the way they call these white men, you know. *vi iho*, they always say the, for white man. I don't know whether they call that spider that or not. But there were some Cheyennes and Arapahoes. And one man said, "Well, that's *nihi'w.əw*." These spiders, you see them running and little ones on their back. That's the name of the white man now. We call you people "spiders!" You're a spider woman!