

Well, he had what they call a medicine bag. He had a medicine bag that was given to these Arapahoes. And he was the one taking care of it. And he had just like a group that he showed how to handle them things. And that's all I know about him. I don't know about him making Sun Dance, or being a priest in Sun Dance.

(This medicine bag that he had, was there a name for that?)

Oh, they just call it "medicine bag."

(How would you say that in Arapaho?)

b é t é . n c á e ' a e ' i n ú x (Or b é t é . n c á e (ae) i i n ú x )

(You said something about he had a group--)

Yeah, he had people, you know, that he showed how to take care of these things. There were several of them. I don't know how many they had, but I know my mother-in-law had one. And we couldn't take the ashes out while that thing was in there. And it had a certain person that was blessed with them to take it out. Nobody else couldn't touch that thing. My mother-in-law used to take it out before we take the ashes out. And we wasn't supposed to make a noise in there. And every morning when she gets up she'd take a hatchet and hit that tipi pole over there, so when those kids make a noise, well, it wouldn't bother that thing. That's what she used to do that for.

(Which tipi pole was it?)

On this side--on the south side--the first pole. She used to hit it. Hit it about four times and then the kids could make noise in there that way. Said that noise was when these kids make a noise it wouldn't bother that medicine bag. Used to have to hit that pole every morning.

(Did she always hit that same pole?)

Yeah, same pole. Just the same one.

(Is that your husband's mother?)

His aunt.

(What was her name?)

Red Feather. That was her Indian name.

(How did she happen to get this bag?)

I don't know--maybe her father's. I don't know how she had it. She had it when I got married there. I know they had it. I don't know how she got it. How it happened to be there, but that's the way she used to do. And then at times she would get maybe tongue and then, you know, them shank bones, and put it on top of that medicine bag. She used to say she was feeding the spirits (Would the bone have any meat on it?)

No. Used to be clean. She used to say she was feeding the spirit and then the next day she'd take it and cook it and we used to eat it.

(What did it look like--the bag?)