

Well, I guess he used to dance in Sun Dance and they're supposed to dance about seven times before they're eligible. They fast seven times. Maybe he did. Maybe that's why he used to--I don't know nothing about them, you know--these medicine doings. Because I didn't take interest in them when I was young. Just here and just see when they dance--that's all. Never was in one of them, so I don't have anything to do with it.

PRESENT DAY CHIEFS

(You know--back there when you were young and Little Raven was still living--~~were there some other Arapaho chiefs--like over at Geary or down around Colony--~~ men who were sort of leaders at that time?)

No, I don't think I know any back there at that time. After the death of this old man, they just pick our chiefs here and there, and they go more chiefs than they should have. And these chiefs are really troublesome.

(How do you mean?)

Oh my, they just fuss and get jealous at one another. Want to be the best chief when they ain't even no chiefs. That's the way they are, these chiefs--cause trouble among their community. I don't think there was any other chief besides him.

(What kind of things, in those days, would they go to a chief for--what kind of things would they be asking him?)

Well, just if they want to go out a distance some where, they used to go over there and tell him they was going, and they was going to be back at that time. That's all. There's nothing else I think they ever asked him--just that. When they want to break out of the group they tell him--let him know--where they were going. When they would be back. That's the way. I think this Jesse would know more about this man, his uncle. Because they used to all be around camped together with him. But myself, I don't know very much about him and I don't want to lie about anything.

SOCIAL CONTROLS IN OLD DAYS: ADVICE OF ELDERS

(Back in those days--maybe you heard your folks talk about it--how did they keep order among the people--did they have any kind of policemen or something like that?).

No, they didn't have no policemen--no. Just like I told you. Little Raven used to get out in the morning and go around the camp and tell them to take care of their children or watch out for things. You know, just advising. And they used to take his advice. They used to--have to be careful how they would live, you know. And they had to know if they help other. When they know somebody needs help, they help them. They didn't have no one to boss them, or