

ARAPAHO NAMES OF SOME WELL-KNOWN ARAPAHOS

(This Plenty Bear--I was wondering if he is the same man as Heap-of-Bears? How would you say Plenty Bear in Arapaho?)

wáxùw ò.θáe.n' And my grandfather (Sitting Bull) was  
haenáeçáe.θi'k

(Now how about Heap-of-Bears--how would you say that?)

Well, same thing-- wáxù -- well, who was Heap-of-Bears?

(That's what I was confused about. I was reading this book and there's a reference to an Arapaho man named Heap-of-Bears.)

wáxù.w'θáe.náe' -- That's the same.

(Same as Plenty Bear?)

Yeah, same.

(Do you think it was the same man?)

It might be--Let me see--

(Now, you remember Plenty Bear?)

Yeah. He was real old. He come from Wyoming. But he had relatives over here.

(Who were his relatives here?)

Young Bear and Broken Rib.

(Do you remember these other men, Tall Bear and Yellow Bear?)

Oh--I just know their names, that's all.

(How would you say Tall Bear?)

Tall Bear--

(Wasn't that Amanda Bates' name?)

Yeah. Her grandfather. I don't know. I don't know how to say "tall bear." I don't remember.

(Do you remember how they used to call him?)

Just call him "Emmick".

(That's her grandfather?)

That's her father. Emmick, Tallbear. But I don't know how to say "tall bear" in Indian.

(What about Yellow Bear?)

wáxnih'ni

(Did you know him?)

No. I just hear his name.

(Was his from Oklahoma or Wyoming?)

Oklahoma. Of course there was another man--another yellow man as Wyoming. Yellow Bear, yeah.