

approached Jess Roslodge, and Jess Rowledge said, "What would you call that?" "Well, let's see-- h'w'w'w'houh'w' -- that would mean 'Star Clan' but we could use this 'Starhawk', I guess, to translate that in English form, when we put it in the books in black and white, well, white people will recognize you as a 'hawk-man'." Which they really don't know anything about. But we just have to pull the wool over their eyes, or pull wool over somebody else's eyes. And if they want to know, "Well, tell them to come back," he said. "I'll translate that, that that's what it means." That's what he told them boys. That's what he told him. To call it Star Hawk. But actually it don't stand for that. And the older people, like John Blackman, Saul Birdshead, and Henry Bates, and Bill Sutton and different ones-- Grant Miller--he lives at Lawton--he's a little older than I am. And Herman Haury from Colony--he's my cousin--he's my first cousin. And he told me, he said, "Brother Jim, when I get you to sing for me--to sing them old songs--think about them. Put them on your tape. We ought to try to revive those songs to where they could be learned by the younger men that sings. And some day you come over to my house and we'll sit down and talk and we'll think about those songs. I know a few. I can't start them, but I can sing the chorus of them, and maybe you could carry on from there." Well, that's what he told me. Same way with John Blackman. But I never have got to John Blackman, yet. That's before his wife (John Blackman's wife) passed away. (Is John Blackman a chief?)

Yes.

(What about Nelson Franklin--what's his position on the Starhawk group--does he approve of it?)

I don't know how he--well, he automatically would approve of it since his boy is a leader of that. Naturally he would. Naturally he would go along with it. But if it was other than that, I don't think he would. I never have talked to him about anything like that. But he has approached me to go along with these boys and help them. He said, "You're older than they are and they need you." Like, he wanted me to go in on my own accord, or just shove me into that without having the right kind of appeal to me