

well as Henry Bates and Jess Rowledge. We can talk that. And now Jess--he's older than I am, but, we all talk different language from Arapaho. What they call "roaming people." That's what they call that tribe--the "roaming tribe."

(Would this me like Jess Rowledge's father--?)

No, that would be-- Yeah, that's right. That would be his father. And his father and Henry Bates' father and my father are all different from one another. But our mothers belongs to the "prairie tribe." The prairie tribe. The ladies belonged to the prairie tribe. Now the two tribes, they talk two different languages. And when our mother talked to us, we understand our mothers, what they are talking about--other than Arapaho. But our fathers is different tribe, also. That's what they call that "roaming tribe." Our mothers' tribe is *bæs wuun (i)ná* -- that's what they call them. My mother's tribe. That's the "prairie" tribe.

(Would just *bæs w* mean anything?)

No, it's just--that means "a growing up." It's growing up-- large tribe. That's what it pertains to. It figures all out to where it's a growing up, large tribe. That's what that means. (And your mother, Traveller, was a member of that tribe?)

Yeah, that's right. She was a member of that. Also Jesse Rowledge's mother and Henry Bates' mother. They were all full sisters--Jess's mother, and my mother, and Henry Bates' mother. They were all full sisters.

(Are these daughters of Little Raven?)

No, Little Raven is first cousin to these women. They're the first cousins to Chief Little Raven. Yeah, the chief who signed the Medicine Lodge Treaty. You see, Little Raven's father and Traveller's father were brothers. So it throws them first cousins.

(So Little Raven would be part of this *bæs wuunen w*?)

That's right. He would belong to that tribe. Because my mother and Little Raven, they were first cousins from this prairie tribe. And the "roaming" tribe is on Jesse Rowledge', and Henry Bates' and my father's side.

(Do your fathers all belong to the same group?)