

the doorway. They used to allow Arapahoes and other visiting tribes to look at that. Now, well, just about any kind of a tourist can look at it.

(Do the Arapahoes ever help them out when they have this sacred arrow worship?)

No. No. The Cheyennes have their own belief. And the Arapahoes never did go into that at all. Because that was beyond their knowledge. They dare not to go in to anything that's any kind of ceremony that they didn't know nothing about.

(Today don't the Arapahoes in Wyoming allow some people from other tribes to participate in their Sun Dance?)

Yeah, they do, now.

(Do any Oklahoma Cheyennes go up there?)

Yeah, they do. Like, last summer there were six Arapahoes from here. Like that year you was there, there was more than one.

(I knew of two and I thought maybe there were three--in 1969.)

There was more than one that took part that year.

(There was Junior Sankey and Nelson Franklin, Jr. and I don't know who the other one was. It was either Nelson or Virgil Franklin.)

I think it was Virgil. I was there.

(What about Oklahoma Cheyennes--do they ever participate up there?)

I never have seen them. I been going up there ever since 1919. Since the forties--or since the thirties, I might say--I have went just about every other year. Most of the time ever year. Now in forty-six and forty-seven--I missed it two years straight, because my boy was getting out of the service. And he told us he was coming home in the year of forty-six. He was coming home in June, 1946. Well, I was getting ready to go up to Wyoming that time. After I got word he was coming home in July, that's when the Arapaho Sun Dance start. So after he sent word he was coming home in July I just call off my trip. I respected him to be home and I was waiting on him to come home. After so long in July we got another word that he was delayed. He did not come home until September. So that just cost me to miss that trip to Wyoming.